

**Lecture on Differential Topology Part I**

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1. SMOOTH MANIFOLDS

Intuitively a differentiable manifold is a topological space which is obtained by gluing together open subsets of some Euclidean space in a nice way; think, for example, of the surface of a ball or a torus covered with small paper disks pasted together on overlaps without making any crease or fold. Mathematical definition is based on the standard differentiable structure on a Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  denote the coordinate functions, where  $u_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the function mapping a point  $p = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  onto its  $i$ -th coordinate  $p_i$ . A function  $f$  from an open subset  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  is **differentiable of class  $C^r$** , or simply a  $C^r$  **function**, if it has continuous partial derivatives of all orders  $\leq r$  with respect to  $u_1, \dots, u_n$ . A  $C^0$  **function** is just a continuous function. A  $C^\infty$  **function** is  $C^r$  for every  $r \geq 0$ .

A map  $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $U$  open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , can be written as  $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m)$ , where  $\phi_i = u_i \circ \phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are the components of  $\phi$ . The map  $\phi$  is  $C^r$  if each  $\phi_i$  is  $C^r$ . A map  $\phi$  between two open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called a  $C^r$  **diffeomorphism** if it is a homeomorphism and both  $\phi$  and  $\phi^{-1}$  are  $C^r$  maps. We shall call a  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphism simply a diffeomorphism. For example, any linear isomorphism  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a diffeomorphism.

We shall use the words “smooth”, “differentiable”, and the symbol “ $C^\infty$ ” interchangeably. Our standard practice in this lecture will be to work with smooth maps.

**Definition 1.1.** A **smooth manifold**  $M$  of dimension  $n$  is a second countable Hausdorff space together with a smooth structure on it. A **smooth structure** consists of a family  $\mathcal{D}^\infty$  of pairs  $(U_i, \phi_i)$ ,  $i$  is in some index set  $\Lambda$ , where  $U_i$  is an open set of  $M$  and  $\phi_i$  is a homeomorphism of  $U_i$  onto an open set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

- (1) the open sets  $U_i$ ,  $i \in \Lambda$ , cover  $M$ ,
- (2) for every pair of indices  $i, j \in \Lambda$  with  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$  the homeomorphisms

$$\phi_i \circ \phi_j^{-1} : \phi_j(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \phi_i(U_i \cap U_j),$$

$$\phi_j \circ \phi_i^{-1} : \phi_i(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \phi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$$

are smooth maps between open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

- (3) the family  $\mathcal{D}^\infty$  is maximal in the sense that it contains all possible pairs  $(U_i, \phi_i)$  satisfying the property (2).

The restriction  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$  in the condition (2) may be omitted provided we agree to assume that the empty map on the empty set is smooth.

A pair  $(U, \phi) \in \mathcal{D}^\infty$  with  $p \in U$  is called a **coordinate chart** at  $p$ ,  $U$  is called a **coordinate neighbourhood** of  $p$ , and  $\phi = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $x_i = u_i \circ \phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the  $i$ -th component of  $\phi$ , is called a (local)**coordinate system** at  $p$ .

Two charts  $(U_i, \phi_i)$  and  $(U_j, \phi_j)$  satisfying the conditions in (2) are said to be  $C^\infty$  **related** or **compatible**, and each of  $\phi_i \circ \phi_j^{-1}$  and  $\phi_j \circ \phi_i^{-1}$  is called a **transition map** or a **change of coordinates**. A family of coordinate charts on  $M$  satisfying (1) and (2) is called a **smooth atlas**<sup>1</sup>. A smooth structure is a smooth atlas satisfying (3).

To understand the maximality condition (3) more clearly, consider the family of all smooth atlases on  $M$ . Say that two atlases  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are compatible if each chart in  $\mathcal{A}$  is compatible with each chart in  $\mathcal{B}$ , or equivalently, if  $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$  is an atlas on  $M$ . It is easy to check that this is an equivalence relation. Then the union of all atlases in an equivalence class is a maximal atlas or a smooth structure on  $M$ . Thus any atlas can be enlarged to a unique smooth structure by adjoining all smoothly related charts to it.

The maximality condition allows us to restrict coordinate charts. If  $(U, \phi)$  is a chart,  $U'$  is an open set in  $U$ , and  $\phi' = \phi|_{U'}$ , then the charts  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(U', \phi')$  are compatible by the transition map  $\phi' \circ \phi^{-1} = \text{id}$ , where  $\text{id}$  denotes the identity map.

Next observe that the charts  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(U, \alpha \circ \phi)$ , where  $\alpha : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a diffeomorphism, are always compatible. In particular, taking  $\alpha$  to be the translation which sends  $\phi(p)$  to 0, we can always suppose that every point  $p \in M$  admits a coordinate chart  $(U, \phi)$  such that  $\phi(p) = 0$ . We may also suppose that  $\phi(U)$  is a convex set, or the whole of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Examples 1.2.** (1) **Euclidean space**  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A smooth structure is given by an atlas consisting of only one chart  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \text{id})$ . The maximal atlas generated by this atlas consists of all charts  $(U, \phi)$ , where  $U$  is an open set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\phi$  is  $\text{Id}$  on it. This smooth structure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called the **standard smooth structure**.

A similar consideration shows that the complex  $n$ -space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is a smooth complex manifold of complex dimension  $n$ .

(2) **Vector space**. Any real vector space  $V$  of dimension  $n$  has a canonical smooth structure generated by the atlas consisting of all linear isomorphisms of  $V$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Note that in this atlas any change of coordinates is a linear map and so indefinitely differentiable.

(3) **Open subset of a smooth manifold**. An open set  $V$  of a smooth manifold  $M$  is itself a smooth manifold. The smooth structure is obtained by restrictions of coordinate charts. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a smooth atlas for  $M$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_V = \{(U \cap V, \phi|_{U \cap V}) : (U, \phi) \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is a smooth atlas for  $V$ .

(4) **Manifold of matrices**. Let  $\mathbb{K}$  denote the field  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $M(m, n, \mathbb{K})$  be the space of all  $m \times n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{K}$ . Taking the entries of matrices in lexicographic (or dictionary) order we may identify  $M(m, n, \mathbb{K})$  with  $\mathbb{K}^{mn}$  in the following way:

$$(a_{ij}) \leftrightarrow (a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n}, a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{2n}, \dots, a_{m1}, a_{m2}, \dots, a_{mn}).$$

Thus  $M(m, n, \mathbb{R})$  is a smooth manifold of dimension  $mn$ , and, similarly  $M(m, n, \mathbb{C})$  is a smooth complex manifold of real dimension  $2mn$ .

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<sup>1</sup>The terminology is probably due to Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855) who formulated in mathematical terms the method of drawing maps of earth's surface.

(5) **General linear group**  $GL(n, \mathbb{K})$ . If  $n = m$ , let us write the manifold of matrices  $M(n, n, \mathbb{K})$  as  $M(n, \mathbb{K})$ . Then, the set  $GL(n, \mathbb{K})$  of all non-singular matrices of order  $n$  forms an open subset of  $M(n, \mathbb{K})$ , since the determinant function  $\det : M(n, \mathbb{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  is continuous, being a polynomial map. Therefore  $GL(n, \mathbb{K})$  is a smooth manifold.

(6) **Sphere**  $S^n$ . This is the set of all unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$$S^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid x_1^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2 = 1\}.$$

A smooth atlas is provided by two open sets  $U_+$  and  $U_-$  obtained by deleting from  $S^n$  the north pole  $P = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$  and the south pole  $Q = (0, \dots, 0, -1)$  respectively, and the stereographic projections

$$\phi_+ : U_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ and } \phi_- : U_- \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

from  $P$  and  $Q$  onto the equatorial plane  $x_{n+1} = 0$ . These are homeomorphisms given by

$$\phi_{\pm}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = \left( \frac{x_1}{1 \mp x_{n+1}}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{1 \mp x_{n+1}} \right),$$

and their inverses are

$$(\phi_{\pm})^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \frac{2x_1}{1 + \|x\|^2}, \dots, \frac{2x_n}{1 + \|x\|^2}, \mp \frac{1 - \|x\|^2}{1 + \|x\|^2} \right).$$

Therefore the change of coordinates  $\phi_- \circ \phi_+^{-1} = \phi_+ \circ \phi_-^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$  is given by the smooth map  $x \mapsto x / \|x\|^2$ .

**Exercise 1.3.** Show that another smooth atlas of  $S^n$  is given by the  $2n + 2$  coordinate charts  $(V_i^+, \psi_i^+)$ ,  $(V_i^-, \psi_i^-)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n + 1$ , where  $V_i^+$  and  $V_i^-$  are the hemispheres

$$V_i^+ = \{x \in S^n : x_i > 0\}, \quad V_i^- = \{x \in S^n : x_i < 0\}$$

and  $\psi_i^+ : V_i^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\psi_i^- : V_i^- \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  are the projections onto the hyperplane  $x_i = 0$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n+1}).$$

Show that these charts are  $C^\infty$  related to the charts  $(U_+, \phi_+)$  and  $(U_-, \phi_-)$  of Example 1.2 (6).

**Example 1.4. The real projective space**  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  This space is the quotient space of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\}$  modulo the equivalence relation:

$$(x_0, \dots, x_n) \sim (\lambda x_0, \dots, \lambda x_n), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}.$$

The equivalence classes are 1-dimensional subspaces or lines through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Let  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$  be the canonical projection, which maps a point  $x$  to the line containing  $x$ , and let  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  be given the quotient topology so that  $\pi$  becomes a continuous open map.

For each  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , consider open subset  $U_i$  of  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  given by

$$U_i = \{[x_0, \dots, x_n] \mid x_i \neq 0\},$$

where  $[x_0, \dots, x_n] = \pi((x_0, \dots, x_n))$ . This is the set of all lines through the origin which intersect the hyperplane  $x_i = 1$ , and this is open in  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  because

$$\pi^{-1}(U_i) = \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{\text{hyperplane } x_i = 0\}$$

is open in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\}$ . Define  $\phi_i : U_i \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$\phi_i([x_0, \dots, x_n]) = \frac{1}{x_i}(x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n).$$

Then  $\phi_i$  is a homeomorphism with inverse given by

$$\phi_i^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = [x_1, \dots, x_i, 1, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n].$$

So the change of coordinates between charts  $(U_i, \phi_i)$  and  $(U_j, \phi_j)$  is

$$\phi_j \circ \phi_i^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{x_{j+1}}(x_1, \dots, x_j, x_{j+2}, \dots, x_i, 1, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n),$$

assuming for convenience  $j < i$ . This the family  $\{(U_i, \phi_i)\}$  is a smooth atlas for  $\mathbb{R}P^n$ .

**Exercise 1.5. Complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^n$ .** This is the set of all 1-dimensional complex linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  with the quotient topology obtained from the natural projection  $\pi : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ . Show that this can be given a smooth structure analogous to above construction for  $\mathbb{R}P^n$

**Example 1.6. Product of manifolds.** If  $M$  and  $N$  are smooth manifolds with smooth structures  $\{(U_i, \phi_i)\}$  and  $\{(V_r, \psi_r)\}$  respectively, then the Cartesian product  $M \times N$  is a smooth manifold with atlas  $\{(U_i \times V_r, \phi_i \times \psi_r)\}$ . Any two such charts are smoothly compatible, because

$$(\phi_j \times \psi_s) \circ (\phi_i \times \psi_r)^{-1} = (\phi_j \times \psi_s) \circ (\phi_i^{-1} \times \psi_r^{-1}) = (\phi_j \circ \phi_i^{-1}) \times (\psi_s \circ \psi_r^{-1}),$$

which is a smooth map.

In particular, the  $n$ -torus  $T^n = S^1 \times \dots \times S^1$  ( $S^1$  appearing  $n$  times) is a smooth manifold.

## 2. SMOOTH MAP BETWEEN MANIFOLDS

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be smooth manifolds, and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  a map. Let  $p \in M$ , and  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$  be coordinate charts at  $p$  and  $f(p)$  respectively. Then the map  $\psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1} : \phi(U \cap f^{-1}(V)) \longrightarrow \psi(V)$  is called a **local representation** of  $f$  at  $p$  for the pair of coordinate systems  $(\phi, \psi)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A map  $f : M \longrightarrow N$  is **smooth**, if its local representation at every point  $p \in M$  is a smooth map for some, and hence for all pairs of coordinate systems  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  at  $p$  and at  $f(p)$ .

Observe that this definition is independent of the choice of coordinate systems. If  $f$  is smooth at  $p$  for a pair  $(\phi, \psi)$ , then it is smooth at  $p$  for every other pair  $(\phi_1, \psi_1)$ . Because, the transition maps  $\phi \circ \phi_1^{-1}$  and  $\psi \circ \psi_1^{-1}$  are smooth, and so the composition

$$\psi_1 \circ f \circ \phi_1^{-1} = (\psi_1 \circ \psi^{-1}) \circ (\psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}) \circ (\phi \circ \phi_1^{-1})$$

is smooth.

**Lemma 2.2.** *The composition of smooth maps between manifolds is smooth.*

*Proof.* For suitable coordinate charts  $(U, \phi)$ ,  $(V, \psi)$ , and  $(W, \theta)$  in  $M$ ,  $N$ , and  $R$  respectively, the map

$$\theta \circ (g \circ f) \circ \phi^{-1} = (\theta \circ g \circ \psi^{-1}) \circ (\psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1})$$

is smooth, being the composition of smooth maps between open subsets of Euclidean spaces.  $\square$

**Definition 2.3.** A map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is called a **diffeomorphism** if  $f$  is a bijection and both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are smooth maps.

For example, if  $(U, \phi)$  is a coordinate chart on  $M$ , then  $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a diffeomorphism onto its image, since its local representation for the pair of charts  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(\phi(U), \text{id})$  is the identity map.

Smooth maps are defined on open subsets of a manifold. The definition can be extended over arbitrary subsets of a manifold in the following way.

**Definition 2.4.** A map  $f$  from a subset  $S$  of a manifold  $M$  to a manifold  $N$  is **smooth** if it can be locally extended to a smooth map. Explicitly,  $f$  is smooth, if each point  $p \in S$  admits an open neighbourhood  $U$  in  $M$  and a smooth map  $F : U \rightarrow N$  such that  $F|_{S \cap U} = f$ .

The local extendability condition of  $f$  is equivalent to saying that all the partial derivatives of  $f$  exist and are continuous, by Whitney's extension theorem (Whitney, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 36 (1936), 63-89).

**Exercise 2.5.** Show that if  $n < m$ , and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is considered as the subset

$$\{(x_1, \dots, x_m) \mid x_{n+1} = \dots = x_m = 0\}$$

of the first  $n$  coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the usual smooth maps on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and those obtained by using the above definition are the same.

A map  $f$  from a subset  $S$  of a manifold  $M$  to a subset  $K$  of a manifold  $N$  is a **diffeomorphism** if it is a bijection and both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are smooth maps.

It follows that a subset  $S$  in an Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a smooth manifold of dimension  $n$  if it is locally diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , that is, if each point of  $S$  has an open neighbourhood in  $S$  (in the relative topology) which is diffeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Here is an example.

**Example 2.6. Space of matrices of rank  $k$ .** Let  $M_k(m, n, \mathbb{R})$  be the space of all real  $m \times n$  matrices of rank  $k$ , where  $0 < k \leq \min(m, n)$ , with the induced topology of  $M(m, n, \mathbb{R})$ . Then  $M_k(m, n, \mathbb{R})$  is a smooth manifold of dimension  $k(m + n - k)$ . To see this, take an element  $E_0 \in M_k(m, n, \mathbb{R})$ . We may assume by permuting the rows and columns, if necessary, that  $E_0$  is of the form

$$E_0 = \begin{pmatrix} A_0 & B_0 \\ C_0 & D_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $A_0$  is a non-singular  $k \times k$  matrix. Then, we can find an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that if  $A$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix and if each entry of  $A - A_0$  has absolute value less than  $\epsilon$ , then  $A$  is non-singular. Let

$$U = \left\{ E = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \mid \text{absolute values of all entries of } A - A_0 < \epsilon \right\}.$$

A matrix  $E$  as above has the same rank as the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ X & I_{m-k} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ XA + C & XB + D \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $I_k$  is the  $k \times k$  identity matrix and  $X$  is any  $(m-k) \times k$  matrix. Taking  $X = -CA^{-1}$ , we find that the rank of  $E$  is exactly  $k$  if and only if  $D = CA^{-1}B$ . Let  $V$  be the open set in the Euclidean space of dimension  $mn - (m-k)(n-k) = k(m+n-k)$  consisting of matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where each entry of  $A - A_0$  has absolute value less than  $\epsilon$ . Then the map

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & CA^{-1}B \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a diffeomorphism of the neighbourhood  $U \cap M_k(m, n, \mathbb{R})$  of  $E_0$  onto  $V$ . Since  $E_0$  is an arbitrary element of  $M_k(m, n, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $M_k(m, n, \mathbb{R})$  is a smooth manifold of dimension  $k(m+n-k)$ .

**Exercise 2.7.** Show that if  $M$  and  $N$  are smooth manifolds, and there is a diffeomorphism of  $M$  onto a subset  $S$  of  $N$ , then  $S$  is a smooth manifold.

**Exercise 2.8.** The graph of a map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is the set

$$\Gamma(f) = \{(x, f(x)) \in M \times N \mid x \in M\}.$$

Show that if  $f$  is smooth, then the map  $F : M \rightarrow \Gamma(f)$  defined by  $F(x) = (x, f(x))$  is a diffeomorphism. Conclude that  $\Gamma(f)$  is a smooth manifold. In particular, the diagonal set  $\Delta$  in  $M \times M$ , which is  $\Gamma(\text{Id}_M)$ , is a smooth manifold.

### 3. IMMERSIONS AND SUBMERSIONS

**Convention.** From now on, by a manifold we shall always mean a smooth manifold, unless it is stated explicitly otherwise. Sometimes we call a manifold  $M$  of dimension  $n$  an  $n$ -manifold, if it be necessary to specify its dimension.

We recall from calculus the process of derivation which assigns to each differentiable map and each point of its domain a linear map.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set, and  $a \in U$ . Then a map  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is **differentiable** at  $a$  if there is a linear map  $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  such that

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow a} \frac{\|f(u) - f(a) - L(u-a)\|}{\|u-a\|} = 0.$$

The linear map  $L$  is unique. For, if  $L' : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is another such linear map, then we have for  $v \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|L(v) - L'(v)\|}{\|v\|} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|L(tv) - L'(tv)\|}{\|tv\|} \\ &\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+tv) - f(a) - L(tv)\|}{\|tv\|} + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a+tv) - f(a) - L'(tv)\|}{\|tv\|} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $L(v) = L'(v)$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

The linear map  $L$  is called the **derivative map** (or **total derivative**) of  $f$  at  $a$ , and is denoted by  $df_a : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Its value at  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is given by

$$df_a(v) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + tv) - f(a)}{t}.$$

For future reference, we list some well-known results.

**Proposition 3.2.** *The derivative map enjoys the following properties.*

- (1) If  $df_a$  exists, then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .
- (2) If  $f$  is a constant map, then  $df_a = 0$ .
- (3) If  $f$  is a linear map, then  $df_a = f$ .
- (4) If  $f, g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  are differentiable at  $a$ , then  $f + g$  is differentiable at  $a$ , and  $d(f + g)_a = df_a + dg_a$ .
- (5) If  $\lambda : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  are differentiable at  $a$ , then  $\lambda f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , and  $d(\lambda f)_a = \lambda(a)df_a + f(a)d\lambda_a$ .
- (6) (Chain Rule). If  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  are open sets, and  $f : U \rightarrow V$ ,  $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  are differentiable maps, then their composition  $g \circ f$  is differentiable, and, for each  $a \in U$ ,

$$d(g \circ f)_a = dg_{f(a)} \circ df_a.$$

If  $m = 1$ , and  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with coordinate functions  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  so that, for  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u_i(p) = \langle p, \alpha_i \rangle$  is the  $i$ -th coordinate of  $p$ , then  $df_a(\alpha_i)$  is the  $i$ -th partial derivative  $\partial f / \partial u_i(a)$  of  $f$  at  $a$ . Setting  $v = v_1\alpha_1 + \dots + v_n\alpha_n$ , we have

$$df_a(v) = v_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_1}(a) + \dots + v_n \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_n}(a),$$

by the properties (2), (4), and (5).

In general, if  $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m)$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  so that

$$f(u) = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(u)\beta_i,$$

where the components  $f_i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous and satisfy  $f_i(u) = \langle f(u), \beta_i \rangle$ , then  $df_a$  exists if and only if  $df_{ia}$  exists, and in that case

$$df_a(v) = \sum_{i=1}^m df_{ia}(v)\beta_i = \sum_{i=1}^m \left( v_1 \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_1}(a) + \dots + v_n \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_n}(a) \right) \beta_i.$$

It follows that the matrix of the linear map  $df_a$  with respect to the bases  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_j$  is the Jacobian matrix

$$Jf(a) = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_j}(a) \right).$$

Note that  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a  $C^1$ -map if and only if the map  $df : U \rightarrow L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$  sending  $a$  to  $df_a$ , where  $L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$  denotes the vector space of linear maps from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , is continuous.

Let  $f$  be a smooth function from an open set  $V$  of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then, for every chart  $(U, \phi)$  on  $M$  with  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , the function  $f \circ \phi^{-1} : \phi(U \cap V) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

is smooth. If  $\phi = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $x_i = u_i \circ \phi$ , then the **partial derivative** of  $f$  with respect to  $x_i$  at  $p \in U \cap V$ , is defined by

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p) = \frac{\partial(f \circ \phi^{-1})}{\partial u_i}(\phi(p)).$$

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be manifolds of dimension  $n$  and  $m$  respectively. If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a smooth map, and  $\phi = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\psi = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$  are coordinate systems in  $M$  and  $N$  respectively, then the functions  $f_i = y_i \circ f$  of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are called the **components** of  $f$ . The **Jacobian matrix** of  $f$  relative to the pair of coordinate systems  $(\phi, \psi)$  is defined to be the  $m \times n$  matrix

$$Jf = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right).$$

Note that this is nothing but the Jacobian matrix  $Jg$  of the local representation  $g = \psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$ . The **rank** of  $f$  at  $p$  is defined to be the rank of  $Jf(p)$ . The definition is independent of the local representation of  $f$ . This may be seen easily. Suppose that  $g = \psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$  and  $g' = \psi' \circ f \circ \phi'^{-1}$  are two local representations of  $f$  at  $p$  for the pairs of coordinate charts  $(U, \phi)$ ,  $(V, \psi)$  and  $(U', \phi')$ ,  $(V', \psi')$  respectively. We may suppose that  $U = U'$  and  $V = V'$ , by replacing  $U, U'$  by  $U \cap U'$  and  $V, V'$  by  $V \cap V'$ . Then  $g' = (\psi' \circ \psi^{-1}) \circ g \circ (\phi \circ \phi'^{-1})$ . This proves the assertion, since  $\phi \circ \phi'^{-1}$  and  $\psi' \circ \psi^{-1}$  are diffeomorphisms.

We will now prove some theorems which will provide the keys to understanding the local behaviour of a smooth map of maximum rank.

**Theorem 3.3 (Inverse Function Theorem).** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be manifolds of the same dimension  $n$ , and  $f : U \rightarrow V$  be a smooth map, where  $U$  and  $V$  are open sets of  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Then, if  $\text{rank } f = n$  at a point  $p \in U$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $W$  of  $p$  in  $U$  such that  $f|_W$  is a diffeomorphism onto an open neighbourhood of  $f(p)$  in  $V$ .*

*Proof.* The theorem is just the Inverse Function Theorem of Calculus when  $M = N = \mathbb{R}^n$ , and its proof follows trivially from this special case. By hypothesis, any local representation  $g = \psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$  of  $f$  has rank  $n$  at the point  $\phi(p)$ , and therefore there is an open neighbourhood  $W'$  of  $\phi(p)$  on which  $g$  is a diffeomorphism. Then the restriction of  $f$  to  $W = \phi^{-1}(W')$  is also a diffeomorphism.  $\square$

The next theorem generalizes this result, when  $\dim M \leq \dim N$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be manifolds of dimension  $n$  and  $m$  respectively. A smooth map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is called an *immersion* at  $p \in M$  if  $n \leq m$  and  $\text{rank } f = n$  at  $p$ . It is called a *submersion* at  $p$  if  $n \geq m$  and  $\text{rank } f = m$  at  $p$ . The map  $f$  is called an **immersion**, or a **submersion**, if it is so at each point of  $M$ .

Also,  $f$  is called an **embedding** if an immersion, and a homeomorphism onto its image  $f(M)$ . If  $n = m$ , then a surjective embedding is a diffeomorphism.

**Examples 3.5.** (1) If  $n \leq m$ , the standard inclusion map  $i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  given by  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0, \dots, 0)$  is an embedding. It is called the **canonical embedding**.



(2) If  $n \geq m$ , the projection map  $s : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  onto the first  $m$  coordinates given by  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  is a submersion. It is called the **canonical submersion**.

The following examples show that an injective immersion may not be an embedding.

**Example 3.6.** The map  $f : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $f(t) = (\sin 2t, -\sin t)$  is an immersion. As  $t$  varies from 0 to  $2\pi$ , the image point traces the lower half of the figure “8” in the clockwise direction, and then traces the upper half in the anti-clockwise direction. (The Cartesian equation of the curve is  $x^2 = 4y^2(1 - y^2)$ .) It is not an embedding, because there is a crossing at the origin. The restriction  $f|_{(0, 2\pi)}$  is an injective immersion, but not an embedding, as it is not a homeomorphism onto its image (the ends are not joined). However, the restriction  $f|_{(0, \pi)}$  is an embedding, as the image is the lower half of the figure ‘8’ without the origin.

**Example 3.7.** Consider the map  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1$  given by

$$f(t) = (e^{2\pi i \alpha t}, e^{2\pi i \beta t}),$$

where  $\alpha/\beta$  is irrational. The map is an immersion, since  $df/dt$  is never zero. It is injective, since  $f(t_1) = f(t_2)$  implies that both  $\alpha(t_1 - t_2)$  and  $\beta(t_1 - t_2)$  are integers, which is not possible unless  $t_1 = t_2$ . It is not hard to show that the image  $f(\mathbb{R})$  is an everywhere dense curve winding around the torus  $S^1 \times S^1$ . Therefore  $f$  is far from being an embedding, because the image of an embedding cannot be dense (see Proposition 4.5 below).

Note that the fact that  $\mathbb{R}$  is not compact plays an essential role in these examples. Indeed, we have the following simple result.

**Exercise 3.8.** Show that if  $M$  is a compact manifold, then any injective immersion  $M \rightarrow N$  is an embedding.

**Definition 3.9.** Two smooth maps  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and  $f' : M' \rightarrow N'$  are called equivalent up to diffeomorphism if there exist diffeomorphisms  $\phi : M \rightarrow M'$  and  $\psi : N \rightarrow N'$  such that  $\psi \circ f = f' \circ \phi$ .

We will show in the next two theorems that any immersion is locally equivalent to a canonical embedding, and any submersion is locally equivalent to a canonical submersion.

**Theorem 3.10 (Local Immersion Theorem).** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be manifolds of dimension  $n$  and  $m$  respectively. If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an immersion at  $p \in M$ , then there is a local representation of  $f$  at  $p$  which is the canonical embedding  $i$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g = \psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$  be a local representation of  $f$  at  $p$  for a pair of coordinate systems  $(\phi, \psi)$ . We may suppose without loss of generality that  $\phi(p) = 0$  and  $\psi(f(p)) = 0$ , and that the matrix of  $g$  at 0 is of the form

$$Jg(0) = \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $A$  is a non-singular  $n \times n$  matrix (the last condition may be realized by permuting the coordinates in  $\psi$ , if necessary). By changing the coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^m$

by a linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  whose matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & O \\ -BA^{-1} & I_{m-n} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $I_{m-n}$  is the identity matrix of order  $m-n$  and  $O$  is a null matrix, the matrix  $Jg(0)$  may be given the following form

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & O \\ -BA^{-1} & I_{m-n} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n \\ O \end{pmatrix}.$$

Define a map  $h : U \times \mathbb{R}^{m-n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $U$  is the domain of  $g$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , by

$$h(x, y) = g(x) + (0, y).$$

Then  $g = h \circ i$ , where  $i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is the canonical embedding  $x \mapsto (x, 0)$ , and the matrix  $Jh(0)$  is  $I_m$ . By the inverse function theorem,  $h$  is a local diffeomorphism at  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and we have

$$\psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1} = g = h \circ i \Rightarrow (h^{-1} \circ \psi) \circ f \circ \phi^{-1} = i.$$

Thus the local representation of  $f$  at  $p$  for the pair of coordinate systems  $(\phi, h^{-1} \circ \psi)$  is the canonical embedding  $i$ .  $\square$

The following exercise points out that locally there is no distinction between immersion and embedding.

**Exercise 3.11.** Show that if  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an immersion, then each point  $p \in M$  has an open neighbourhood  $U$  such that  $f|U$  is an embedding.

**Theorem 3.12 (Local Submersion Theorem).** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be manifolds of dimension  $n$  and  $m$  respectively. If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a submersion at  $p \in M$ , then there is a local representation of  $f$  at  $p$  which is the canonical submersion  $s$ .*

*Proof.* As before, suppose that  $g = \psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$  be a local representation of  $f$  at  $p$  for a pair of coordinate systems  $(\phi, \psi)$  such that  $\phi(p) = 0$ ,  $\psi(f(p)) = 0$ , and that the Jacobian matrix of  $g$  at  $0$  is

$$Jg(0) = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & O \end{pmatrix},$$

after a linear change of coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then, the map  $h : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given by  $h(x) = (g(x), x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n)$  has the Jacobian matrix  $I_n$  at  $x = 0$ , and we have  $g = s \circ h$ . Therefore  $\psi \circ f \circ (h \circ \phi)^{-1}$  is the canonical submersion  $s$ .  $\square$

**Exercises 3.13.** (a) Show that any submersion is an open map (i.e. maps an open set onto an open set).

(b) Show that if  $M$  is compact and  $N$  is connected, then any submersion  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is surjective.

(c) Show that there is no submersion of a compact manifold into an Euclidean space.

**Proposition 3.14.** *Let  $M, N$ , and  $P$  be manifolds, and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a surjective submersion. Then a map  $g : N \rightarrow P$  is smooth if and only if the composition  $g \circ f : M \rightarrow P$  is smooth.*

*Proof.* If  $g$  is smooth, then  $g \circ f$  is smooth by composition. To prove the converse, note that  $g$  is necessarily continuous, and, since the problem is local, we may suppose that  $f$  is the projection  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $n = \dim M, m = \dim N$ , and  $n \geq m$ . Then, by hypothesis, the map  $g \circ f : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto g(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  is smooth. Therefore the map  $g : (x_1, \dots, x_m) \mapsto g(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  is smooth. This means that  $g$  is smooth on  $f(M)$ , and hence on  $N$ , since  $f$  is surjective.  $\square$

**Exercise 3.15.** Show that if  $f$  and  $g$  are as in this proposition, then  $g$  is a submersion if and only if their composition  $g \circ f$  is a submersion.

**Exercises 3.16.** (a) Show that if  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a surjective submersion, then for each  $x \in M$  there exist an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $f(x)$  in  $N$ , and a smooth map  $g : U \rightarrow M$  such that  $f \circ g$  is the identity map on  $U$ .

The map  $g$  is called a local section of  $f$ .

(b) Suppose that  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a smooth map such that every point of  $M$  is in the image of a smooth local section of  $f$ . Show that  $f$  is a submersion.

**Exercise 3.17.** If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a map and  $y \in N$ , then  $f^{-1}(y)$  is called the fibre of  $f$  over  $y$ . Suppose that  $f$  is a surjective submersion. Show that if  $g : M \rightarrow P$  is a smooth map that is constant on the fibres of  $f$ , then there is a unique smooth map  $h : N \rightarrow P$  such that  $h \circ f = g$ .

**Exercise 3.18.** Show that a smooth map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a diffeomorphism if and only if it is bijective and a submersion.

**Exercise 3.19.** Let  $M, N$ , and  $P$  be manifolds, and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be an immersion. Then show that a continuous map  $g : P \rightarrow M$  is smooth if and only if their composition  $f \circ g : P \rightarrow N$  is smooth.

**Exercise 3.20.** Prove the implicit function theorem in the following form. If  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $U$  open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , is a smooth map with  $f(p) = q$  and  $\partial f / \partial u_i(p) \neq 0$  for some  $i$ , then there is a smooth function

$$u_i = g(u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_n)$$

whose graph in some open neighbourhood of  $p$  in  $U$  is the set of solutions of the equation  $f(u) = q$ .

#### 4. SUBMANIFOLDS

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $N$  be an  $m$ -manifold. Then a subset  $M$  of  $N$  is called a **submanifold** of dimension  $n$  if for each point  $p \in M$  there is a coordinate chart  $(U, \phi)$  at  $p$  in  $N$  such that  $\phi$  maps  $M \cap U$  homeomorphically onto an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is considered as the subspace of the first  $n$  coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^m$

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid x_{n+1} = \dots = x_m = 0\}.$$

Then the collection

$$\{(M \cap U, \phi|_{M \cap U}) \mid (U, \phi) \text{ is a chart in } N, M \cap U \neq \emptyset\}$$

is a smooth atlas of  $M$ .

**Exercise 4.2.** Show that a submanifold  $M$  of a manifold  $N$  is a second countable Hausdorff space.

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be manifolds of dimension  $n$  and  $m$  respectively. If  $M$  is a submanifold of  $N$ , then for each point  $p \in M$  there is an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $p$  in  $N$  and a submersion  $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-n}$  such that  $g^{-1}(0) = M \cap U$ .

*Proof.* By the above definition, there is a coordinate chart  $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  about  $p$  in  $N$  such that if  $\mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{m-n}$ , then  $\phi^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}) = M \cap U$ . Then  $g = \pi \circ \phi$ , where  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-n}$  is the projection onto the second factor, is a submersion with  $g^{-1}(0) = M \cap U$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4.** A subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -manifold  $N$  is a submanifold if and only if  $A$  is the image of a smooth embedding  $f : M \rightarrow N$ , where  $M$  is an  $n$ -manifold and  $n \leq m$ .

*Proof.* If  $A$  is a submanifold of  $N$ , then it follows from the natural smooth structure on  $A$  derived from that of  $N$  that the inclusion of  $A$  in  $N$  is a smooth embedding. Conversely, suppose  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a smooth embedding and  $A = f(M)$ . Then, by the local immersion theorem, for each  $p \in M$  there exist a coordinate system  $y_1, \dots, y_m$  in an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(p)$  in  $N$  such that  $A \cap V = \{q \in V \mid y_{n+1}(q) = \dots = y_m(q) = 0\}$ , and the restrictions of the remaining coordinate functions  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  to  $A \cap V$  form a local chart on  $A$  at  $f(p)$ . Therefore  $A$  is a submanifold of  $N$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.5.** If  $M$  is an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of an  $m$ -manifold  $N$  where  $n < m$ , then  $M$  is not a dense subset of  $N$ .

*Proof.* There is a coordinate chart  $(V, \psi)$  of  $N$  such that  $U = M \cap V$  is non-empty, and  $\psi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}$ . Then the non-empty open set  $\psi^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^n \times (\mathbb{R}^{m-n} - \{0\}))$  of  $N$  lies in  $V$  and does not intersect  $U$ . So  $M$  cannot be dense in  $N$ .  $\square$

**Exercises 4.6.** Let  $M$ ,  $N$ , and  $P$ , denote manifolds. Then show that

(1) if  $f : N \rightarrow P$  is a smooth map, then the restriction  $f|_M$  is also smooth; moreover, if  $f$  is an immersion, then  $f|_M$  is also an immersion.

(2) if  $M$  is a subset of  $N$  such that the inclusion  $M \hookrightarrow N$  is an immersion, and  $f : P \rightarrow N$  is a smooth map with  $f(P) \subset M$ , then the map  $f : P \rightarrow M$  obtained by restricting the range of  $f$  may not be continuous. However, if

$$f : P \rightarrow M$$

is continuous, then it is also smooth.

**Definition 4.7.** Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map. Then a point  $p \in M$  is called a **critical point** of  $f$  if  $f$  is not a submersion at  $p$ . Other points of  $M$  are called **regular points** of  $f$ . A point  $q \in N$  is called a **critical value** of  $f$  if  $f^{-1}(q)$  contains at least one critical point. Other points of  $N$  (including those for which  $f^{-1}(q)$  is empty) are called **regular values** of  $f$ .

**Theorem 4.8 (Preimage theorem).** . Let  $M$  and  $N$  be manifolds of dimension  $n$  and  $m$  respectively, where  $n \geq m$ . If  $q$  is a regular value of a smooth map  $f : M \rightarrow N$ , then  $f^{-1}(q)$  is a submanifold of  $M$  of dimension  $n - m$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is a submersion at a point  $p \in f^{-1}(q)$ , we can choose local coordinate systems about  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ , and  $q$  corresponds to  $(0, \dots, 0)$ . Therefore, if  $U$  is the coordinate neighbourhood at  $p$  on which the functions  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are defined, then  $f^{-1}(q) \cap U$  is the set of points  $(0, \dots, 0, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n)$ . Thus the functions  $x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n$  form a coordinate system on the relative open set  $f^{-1}(q) \cap U$  of  $f^{-1}(q)$ .  $\square$

We may apply the theorem in the following situation. Let  $m > n$ , and  $N$  be an  $m$ -manifold. Let  $f : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-n}$  be a smooth map. Then  $M = f^{-1}(0)$  is the solution set of the system of equations

$$f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0, \dots, f_{m-n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0,$$

where  $f_i : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are the components of  $f$ .

**Proposition 4.9.** *If  $f$ ,  $N$ , and  $M$  are as above and  $\text{rank } f = m - n$  at each point of  $N$ , then  $M$  is an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of  $N$ .*

*Proof.* The proof follows immediately from the previous theorem.  $\square$

The converse is true locally.

**Proposition 4.10.** *Every  $n$ -submanifold  $M$  of an  $m$ -manifold  $N$  is locally definable as the set of common zeros of a set of functions  $f_1, \dots, f_{m-n} : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that*

$$\text{rank} \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right) = m - n,$$

where  $U$  is a coordinate neighbourhood in  $N$  of a point in  $M$  with coordinates  $x_1, \dots, x_m$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows immediately from the local immersion theorem. If  $p \in M$ , then there exists local coordinate system  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  defined on a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $p$  in  $N$  such that  $M \cap U$  is given by the equations

$$x_{n+1} = 0, \dots, x_m = 0.$$

$\square$

## 5. TANGENT SPACES AND DERIVATIVE MAPS

Let  $U$  be an open set of a manifold  $M$ , and  $C^\infty(U)$  denote the set of all smooth functions from  $U$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $p \in M$ , and  $\tilde{C}^\infty(p)$  be the union of all  $C^\infty(U)$  as  $U$  runs over all open neighbourhoods of  $p$ . This is an algebra over  $\mathbb{R}$ , because if  $f \in C^\infty(U)$ , and  $g \in C^\infty(V)$ , then  $f + g, fg \in C^\infty(U \cap V)$ , and  $\lambda f \in C^\infty(U)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Two functions  $f$  and  $g$  as above are said to be **equivalent** (or have the same **germ** at  $p$ ) if  $f = g$  in a neighbourhood of  $p$ . The quotient set  $C^\infty(p)$  of  $\tilde{C}^\infty(p)$  under this equivalence relation is also an algebra, called the **algebra of germs of smooth functions** at  $p$ .

In fact,  $C^\infty(p)$  is the quotient algebra  $\tilde{C}^\infty(p)/\tilde{C}_0^\infty(p)$ , where  $\tilde{C}_0^\infty(p)$  is the ideal consisting of functions which vanish in a neighbourhood of  $p$  (neighbourhood depending on the function).

**Definition 5.1.** A **tangent vector** of  $M$  at a point  $p \in M$  is the geometric name of what is called a derivation of the algebra  $C^\infty(p)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . It is a linear functional  $X_p : C^\infty(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the **Leibniz formula**

$$X_p(fg) = f(p) \cdot X_p(g) + g(p) \cdot X_p(f), \quad f, g \in C^\infty(p).$$

The formula implies that if  $f$  is a constant function, then  $X_p f = 0$  for all  $p \in M$ .

The set  $\tau(M)_p$  of all tangent vectors of  $M$  at  $p$  is called the **tangent space** of  $M$  at  $p$ , or the space of derivations at  $p$ . It is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , where the vector space operations are defined by  $(X_p + Y_p)(f) = X_p(f) + Y_p(f)$ , and  $(\lambda X_p)(f) = \lambda X_p(f)$  for  $X_p, Y_p \in \tau(M)_p$ ,  $f \in C^\infty(p)$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The geometric picture behind the definition will be clear after we prove that the dimension of the vector space  $\tau(M)_p$  is  $n$ , which is also equal to the dimension of  $M$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** *If  $\phi = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a coordinate system in  $M$  at  $p$ , then the operators*

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right]_p : C^\infty(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

*defined by  $f \mapsto (\partial f / \partial x_i)(p)$  are tangent vectors of  $M$  at  $p$ , and they form a basis of the vector space  $\tau(M)_p$ .*

*Here  $(\partial f / \partial x_i)(p)$  is the partial derivative as defined in §3, p. 8.*

We first prove a lemma.

**Lemma 5.3.** <sup>1</sup> *Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f \in C^\infty(a)$ . Then there exist functions  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in C^\infty(a)$  and a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  contained in the intersection of the domains of  $f, g_1, \dots, g_n$  such that  $g_i(a) = (\partial f / \partial u_i)(a)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and*

$$f(u) = f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i - u_i(a)) \cdot g_i(u), \quad u \in U,$$

*where  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ ,  $u_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , is the coordinate system in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

*Proof.* Define

$$g_i(u) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i}(t(u - a) + a) dt.$$

This is  $C^\infty$  in a neighbourhood of  $a$ , and  $g_i(a) = (\partial f / \partial u_i)(a)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) - f(a) &= \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} f(t(u - a) + a) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i}(t(u - a) + a) \cdot (u_i - u_i(a)) \right\} dt \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(u) \cdot (u_i - u_i(a)). \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup>The lemma is not true for  $C^r$  manifolds where  $r < \infty$ , because the functions  $g_i$  may not be always  $C^r$ . In this case the space of derivations at  $p$  is infinite dimensional, and the tangent space is defined to be the space spanned by  $[\partial / \partial x_i]_p$ , see W.F. Newns and A.G. Walker, Tangent planes to a differentiable manifold, J. London Math. Soc. 31 (1956), 400-407.

□

**Exercise 5.4.** Show that if  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f \in C^\infty(a)$ , then there exist functions  $\lambda_{ij} \in C^\infty(a)$ , and a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$  on which  $f$  and  $\lambda_{ij}$  are defined such that  $\lambda_{ij}(a) = (\partial^2 f / \partial u_i \partial u_j)(a)$ , and if  $u \in U$  then

$$f(u) = f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i - u_i(a)) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i}(a) + \sum_{i,j=1}^n (u_i - u_i(a))(u_j - u_j(a)) \cdot \lambda_{ij}(u).$$

*Proof of the Proposition.* That the operators  $[\partial/\partial x_i]_p$  are tangent vectors is immediate from the definition. Next, for any  $f \in C^\infty(p)$ , use the lemma to write  $f \circ \phi^{-1}$  in a neighbourhood of  $a = \phi(p)$  as

$$f \circ \phi^{-1}(u) = f \circ \phi^{-1}(a) + \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i - u_i(a)) \cdot g_i(u),$$

where  $g_i$  is a  $C^\infty$  function in a neighbourhood of  $a$  with

$$g_i(a) = (\partial(f \circ \phi^{-1})/\partial u_i)(a).$$

Transferring this relation to a neighbourhood of  $p$  in  $M$ , write

$$f(x) = f(p) + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_i(p)) \cdot h_i(x),$$

where  $h_i = g_i \circ \phi \in C^\infty(p)$  with  $h_i(p) = g_i(a) = (\partial f / \partial x_i)(p)$ . Now apply a derivation  $X_p \in \tau(M)_p$  to  $f$  using the Leibniz formula :

$$X_p(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_p(x_i) \cdot h_i(p) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_p(x_i) \cdot \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right]_p$$

(recall that  $X_p(c) = 0$  for any constant function  $c$ ). Thus in terms of the coordinate system  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $X_p$  takes the form

$$X_p = \sum_{i=1}^n X_p(x_i) \cdot \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right]_p.$$

Now  $[\partial/\partial x_i]_p(x_j) = (\partial(u_j \circ \phi \circ \phi^{-1})/\partial u_i)(a) = \delta_{ij}$  (Kronecker delta). Therefore the vectors  $\{[\partial/\partial x_i]_p\}$  are linearly independent, as may be seen by evaluating a linear combination of these vectors on  $x_j$  in turn. □

It follows that if  $U$  is an open neighbourhood of  $p$ , then  $\tau(U)_p = \tau(M)_p$ , because the definition of  $\tau(M)_p$  uses only  $C^\infty(p)$ , and not the entire  $M$ . Also, the tangent space  $\tau(M)_p$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $[\partial/\partial x_i]_p$  corresponds to the  $i$ -th unit coordinate vector of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and therefore the tangent space  $\tau(\mathbb{R}^n)_p$  can be identified with the set of all pairs  $(p, v)$ , where  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

A **smooth curve** in  $M$  is a smooth map  $\sigma : I \rightarrow M$ , where  $I$  is an open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ . For each  $t_0 \in I$ ,  $\sigma$  gives rise to a tangent vector  $\dot{\sigma}(t_0) : C^\infty(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of  $M$  at  $p = \sigma(t_0)$  defined by

$$\dot{\sigma}(t_0)(f) = \left[ \frac{d}{dt} f(\sigma(t)) \right]_{t=t_0},$$

which is the derivative of  $f$  along  $\sigma$  at  $p$ . The components of  $\sigma(t)$  with respect to a local coordinate system  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  at  $p$  are the real-valued functions  $\sigma_i(t) =$

$x_i(\sigma(t))$ , and their derivatives  $\dot{\sigma}_i(t_0) = (d(\sigma_i(t))/dt)(t_0)$  are the components of the tangent vector  $\dot{\sigma}(t_0)$  with respect to the basis  $[\partial/\partial x_i]_p$ . Because, if  $(U, \phi)$  is the coordinate chart at  $p$  for which  $\phi = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $x_i = u_i \circ \phi$ , then  $\sigma_i(t) = x_i(\sigma(t)) = u_i \circ \phi(\sigma(t))$ , and therefore, by chain rule

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\sigma}(t_0)(f) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ (f \circ \phi^{-1}) \circ (\phi \circ \sigma) \right] (t_0) \\ &= \sum_i \frac{\partial (f \circ \phi^{-1})}{\partial u_i} (\phi \circ \sigma(t_0)) \cdot \frac{\partial (u_i \circ \phi \circ \sigma)}{\partial t} (t_0) \\ &= \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} (p) \cdot \frac{dx_i}{dt} (t_0). \end{aligned}$$

We also say that  $\dot{\sigma}(t_0)$  is the **tangent vector** or **velocity vector** of  $\sigma$  at  $\sigma(t_0)$ . In the case when  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$ , this vector may be viewed as a line segment from  $\sigma(t_0)$  to  $\sigma(t_0) + \dot{\sigma}(t_0)$ . Conversely, any tangent vector to  $M$  at  $p$  is associated to a smooth curve in this way. For, if  $\phi = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a coordinate system at  $p$ , then a vector  $\sum_i v_i [\partial/\partial x_i]_p \in \tau(M)_p$  is clearly tangent at  $p$  to the curve

$$t \mapsto \phi^{-1}(x_1(p) + tv_1, \dots, x_n(p) + tv_n).$$

We may therefore define a tangent vector to  $M$  at  $p$  alternatively as follows. Consider the set of all smooth curves  $\sigma : I \rightarrow M$ , where  $I$  is an open interval containing 0, such that  $\sigma(0) = p$ . Define an equivalence relation in this set by taking two curves  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  to be equivalent if  $\dot{\sigma}(0) = \dot{\tau}(0)$ . Then a tangent vector to  $M$  at  $p$  is an equivalence class of curves.

**Exercise 5.5.** Check that the relation on the set of all smooth curves as defined above is indeed an equivalence relation.

**Example 5.6.** Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote the standard inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Then the  $n$ -sphere  $S^n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is given by

$$S^n = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \langle v, v \rangle = 1\}.$$

Consider a smooth curve  $\sigma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  so that  $\sigma(s) \in S^n$  for all  $s \in I$ , and  $\sigma(0) = p$ . Then  $\langle \sigma(s), \sigma(s) \rangle = 1$ . Differentiating this relation with respect to  $s$  at  $s = 0$ , we get

$$\langle \dot{\sigma}(0), \sigma(0) \rangle + \langle \sigma(0), \dot{\sigma}(0) \rangle = 0, \text{ or } \langle \dot{\sigma}(0), \sigma(0) \rangle = 0.$$

Since  $\dot{\sigma}(0)$  is a vector in  $\tau(S^n)_p$ , the above relation says that  $\tau(S^n)_p$  is the hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  orthogonal to  $\sigma(0) = p$ .

**Definition 5.7.** If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a smooth map between manifolds, then the **derivative map** or **differential** of  $f$  at a point  $p \in M$  is a linear map  $df_p : \tau(M)_p \rightarrow \tau(N)_{f(p)}$  defined by

$$df_p(X_p)(g) = X_p(g \circ f), \quad X_p \in \tau(M)_p, \quad g \in C^\infty(f(p)).$$

Taking  $X_p$  as the velocity vector  $\dot{\sigma}(0)$  of a smooth curve  $\sigma$  in  $M$  at  $\sigma(0) = p$  with parameter  $t$ , the definition may be given in the following alternative form:

$$df_p(\dot{\sigma}(0))(g) = \frac{d}{dt} (g \circ f(\sigma(t)))(0).$$



We may rephrase the previous definition of the velocity vector  $\dot{\sigma}(0)$  as follows

$$\dot{\sigma}(0) = d\sigma_0\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right),$$

where  $d\sigma_0 : \tau(I)_0 = \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \tau(M)_p$  is the derivative map of  $\sigma$  at 0, and  $d/dt$  is the basis of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Because

$$d\sigma_0\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)(g) = \frac{d}{dt}g(\sigma(t))(0) = \dot{\sigma}(0)(g).$$

Let  $(U, \phi)$  with  $\phi = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $x_i = u_i \circ \phi$ , be a coordinate chart at  $p$ , and  $(V, \psi)$  with  $\psi = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$ ,  $y_j = v_j \circ \psi$ , be a coordinate chart at  $q = f(p)$ , where  $u_i$  (resp.  $v_j$ ) are the coordinate functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (resp.  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned} df_p\left(\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right]_p\right)(g) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(g \circ f)(p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}(g \circ f \circ \phi^{-1})(\phi(p)) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}(g \circ \psi^{-1} \circ \psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1})(\phi(p)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}(\bar{g} \circ \bar{f})(\phi(p)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{f} = \psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1} : \phi(U) \rightarrow \psi(V)$ , and  $\bar{g} = g \circ \psi^{-1} : \psi(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are smooth maps. By the chain rule, the last expression is equal to

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial \bar{f}_j}{\partial u_i}(\phi(p)) \cdot \frac{\partial \bar{g}}{\partial v_j}(\psi(q)) = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}(p) \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial y_j}(q).$$

Therefore

$$df_p\left(\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right]_p\right) = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i}(p) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}\right]_{f(p)} + \dots + \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_i}(p) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y_m}\right]_{f(p)}.$$

Therefore the  $i$ -th column vector of the matrix of the linear map  $df_p$  with respect to the bases  $[\partial/\partial x_i]_p$  and  $[\partial/\partial y_j]_{f(p)}$  of the tangent spaces  $\tau(M)_p$  and  $\tau(N)_{f(p)}$  is

$$\left(\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i}(p), \dots, \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_i}(p)\right).$$

Therefore the matrix of  $df_p$  is the Jacobian matrix of  $f$  at  $p$ , as defined in §(1.4)

$$(Jf)(p) = \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(p)\right).$$

Thus if we represent a tangent vector  $X_p = \sum_i a_i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right)_p$  by the  $n \times 1$  matrix  $A = (a_i)$ , then the tangent vector  $df_p(X_p)$  is represented by the  $m \times 1$  matrix  $(Jf)(p) \cdot A$ . In particular, for the coordinate chart  $(U, \phi)$ ,

$$d\phi_p\left(\sum_i a_i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right)_p\right) = (a_1, \dots, a_n),$$

If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and  $g : N \rightarrow L$  are smooth maps of manifolds, then

$$d(g \circ f)_p = dg_{f(p)} \circ df_p, \quad p \in M.$$

For, if  $X_p \in \tau(M)_p$  and  $h \in C^\infty(g(f(p)))$ , then

$$d(g \circ f)_p(X_p)(h) = X_p(h \circ g \circ f) = df_p(X_p)(h \circ g) = dg_{f(p)}(df_p(X_p))(h).$$

In terms of local coordinates this computation exhibits the chain rule and the multiplicative behaviour of Jacobian matrices.

## 6. TANGENT BUNDLES AND VECTOR FIELDS

**Definition 6.1.** The **tangent bundle**  $\tau(M)$  of  $M$  is the disjoint union of all tangent spaces  $\tau(M)_p$  as  $p$  runs over  $M$ .

This is the set of all ordered pairs  $(p, v)$  such that  $v \in \tau(M)_p$ . The map  $\pi : \tau(M) \rightarrow M$ , given by  $(p, v) \mapsto p$ , is called the **projection map** of the tangent bundle. The following theorem shows we can pull back the differential structure on  $M$  by  $\pi$  to obtain a unique differential structure on  $\tau(M)$ .

**Theorem 6.2.** *If  $M$  is a manifold of dimension  $n$ , then its tangent bundle  $\tau(M)$  is a manifold of dimension  $2n$ .*

*Proof.* Each chart  $(U, \phi)$  of  $M$  determines a map  $\tau_\phi : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  given by  $\tau_\phi(p, v) = (\phi(p), d\phi_p(v))$ . Clearly,  $\tau_\phi$  is a bijection with inverse  $\tau_\phi^{-1}$  given by  $\tau_\phi^{-1}(a, w) = (p, d\phi_p^{-1}(w))$  where  $p = \phi^{-1}(a)$ . For two compatible charts  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$  of  $M$ , the map  $\tau_\psi \circ \tau_\phi^{-1} : \phi(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \psi(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^n$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_\psi \circ \tau_\phi^{-1}(a, w) &= \tau_\psi(p, d\phi_p^{-1}(w)) \\ &= (\psi(p), d\psi_p \circ d\phi_p^{-1}(w)) \\ &= (\psi \circ \phi^{-1}(a), d\psi_p \circ d\phi_p^{-1}(w)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $p = \phi^{-1}(a)$ . Therefore  $\tau_\psi \circ \tau_\phi^{-1}$  is a homeomorphism. It follows that  $\tau(M)$  has a unique topology which makes each  $\tau_\phi$  a homeomorphism. Moreover, since  $\tau_\psi \circ \tau_\phi^{-1}$  is a diffeomorphism, the family of charts  $\{(\pi^{-1}(U), \tau_\phi)\}$  constitute a smooth atlas on  $\tau(M)$ . Thus  $\tau(M)$  is a smooth manifold.  $\square$

**Exercise 6.3.** Complete the proof of the above theorem by showing that  $\tau(M)$  is second countable and Hausdorff. Also show that the projection  $\pi : \tau(M) \rightarrow M$  is a smooth map.

**Exercise 6.4.** Show that a smooth map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  between manifolds induces a smooth map  $df : \tau(M) \rightarrow \tau(N)$  which is defined by  $df(p, v) = (f(p), df_p(v))$ .

**Definition 6.5.** A **vector field**  $X$  on  $M$  is a map  $X : M \rightarrow \tau(M)$  such that the value of  $X$  at  $p \in M$  is a tangent vector  $X_p \in \tau(M)_p$ .

For any  $f \in C^\infty(U)$ , a vector field  $X$  defines a function  $Xf : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $(Xf)(p) = X_p(f)$ . A vector field  $X$  is called a **smooth vector field** if, for every  $p \in M$ ,  $f \in C^\infty(p)$  implies  $Xf \in C^\infty(p)$  also.

Thus a smooth vector field  $X$  may be considered as a map

$$X : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$$

given by  $f \mapsto Xf$ . We have

- (i)  $X(\lambda f + \mu g) = \lambda Xf + \mu Xg$ ,
- (ii)  $X(fg) = f(Xg) + (Xf)g$ ,

for  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ , and  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Exercise 6.6.** Show that a smooth vector field  $X$  on  $M$  is completely determined by its action on smooth functions on  $M$  satisfying the above properties (i) and (ii).

**Exercise 6.7.** Show that if  $f$  is a constant function, then  $Xf = 0$ .

The set of all smooth vector fields on  $M$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ . This is a module over the ring  $C^\infty(M)$ , where the module operations are given by

$$(X + Y)f = Xf + Yf, \text{ and } (fX)g = f(Xg),$$

for  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ .

If  $(U, \phi)$  is a coordinate chart in  $M$  with  $\phi = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , then for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , the assignment  $p \mapsto [\partial/\partial x_i]_p$  is a smooth vector field  $\partial/\partial x_i$  on  $U$ . The tangent vectors  $([\partial/\partial x_i]_p)$  are linearly independent at each point  $p \in U$ . Therefore, if  $X$  is a vector field on  $U$ , then  $X$  may be written as

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n Xx_i \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}.$$

The functions  $Xx_i$  are called the **components** of  $X$ .

**Exercise 6.8.** Show that a vector field  $X$  is smooth if and only if its components  $Xx_i$  are smooth for every coordinate system  $\phi$ .

**Lemma 6.9.** *If  $X$  is a smooth vector field on an open neighbourhood  $U$  in  $M$ , and  $p \in U$ , then there is an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $p$  in  $U$ , and a smooth vector field  $\widehat{X}$  on  $M$  which agrees with  $X$  on  $V$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a closed neighbourhood of  $p$  in  $U$ , and let  $V$  be the interior of  $K$ . Then, by the Smooth Urysohn's Lemma (see Lemma 1.7 (Part 2)), there is a smooth function  $\phi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with support in  $U$  such that  $\phi = 1$  on  $K$ . Then define a vector field  $\widehat{X}$  on  $M$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{X}(q) &= \phi(q)X(q) \text{ if } q \in U \\ &= 0 \text{ if } q \notin U \end{aligned}$$

Clearly this is the required vector field. □

## 7. MANIFOLDS WITH BOUNDARY

We extend the notion of manifolds so as to include manifolds with boundary. For example, the disk  $D^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$  is a manifold with boundary which is the  $(n-1)$ -sphere

$$S^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| = 1\}.$$

Let  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  and  $\partial\mathbb{R}_+^n$  denote the subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  given by

$$\mathbb{R}_+^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_1 \geq 0\}, \quad \partial\mathbb{R}_+^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_1 = 0\}.$$

We call  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  the half space of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\partial\mathbb{R}_+^n$  the boundary of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  (a more general definition says that a half space in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an affine hyperplane, but we will not consider this). Note that we may identify  $\partial\mathbb{R}_+^n$  with  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Lemma 7.1.** *Any linear isomorphism  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , which maps  $\partial\mathbb{R}_+^n$  onto itself, maps  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  onto itself.*

*Proof.* The proof is obvious. Because, we may identify  $\partial\mathbb{R}_+^n \times \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by the linear isomorphism  $\alpha(v_0, r) = v_0 + re_1$  ( $e_1 =$  unit vector along the first coordinate axis), so that  $\mathbb{R}_+^n = \alpha(\partial\mathbb{R}_+^n \times \mathbb{R}_+)$ .  $\square$

If  $U$  is an open subset in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ , then its boundary  $\partial U$  is the subset  $\partial U = U \cap \partial\mathbb{R}_+^n$ , and its interior  $\text{Int}(U)$  is the subset  $\text{Int}(U) = U - \partial U$ . Thus  $\text{Int}(U)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\partial U$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ .

We may define smooth maps on open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  by means of Definition 2.4. Thus a map  $f : U \rightarrow V$ , where  $U$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  and  $V$  open in  $\mathbb{R}_+^m$ , is smooth if for each  $x \in U$  there exist an open neighbourhood  $U_1$  of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , an open neighbourhood  $V_1$  of  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , and a smooth map  $f_1 : U_1 \rightarrow V_1$  such that  $f_1|_{U \cap U_1} = f|_{U \cap U_1}$ .

The notion of derivative of map also extends naturally. Consider a smooth map  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $U$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ . Then, if  $x \in \text{Int}(U)$ , we already know what is  $df_x$ . If  $x \in \partial U$ , then, since  $f$  is smooth at  $x$ ,  $f$  extends to a smooth map  $F$  in an open neighbourhood of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In this case, we define  $df_x$  to be the derivative map  $dF_x$ , which is a linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . The definition is independent of the choice of the extension  $F$ , that is, if  $F'$  is another local extension of  $f$ , then  $dF'_x = dF_x$ . To see this, note that if  $V$  and  $V'$  are the domains of  $F$  and  $F'$  respectively, and if  $\{x_j\}$  is a sequence of points in  $V \cap V' \cap \text{Int}(U)$  converging to  $x$ , then, since  $F$  and  $F'$  agree on  $V \cap V' \cap \text{Int}(U)$ , we have  $dF_{x_j} = dF'_{x_j}$ , as sequences in the vector space  $L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$  of linear maps from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . This implies, as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , that  $dF_x = dF'_x$ , because the derivative maps  $dF, dF' : V \cap V' \rightarrow L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$  are continuous.

It follows that the definition of differentiability of  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  at a point  $p \in U$  may be obtained from Definition 3.1, just by supposing  $U$  is an open subset of the half space  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  and keeping the other things the same. The derivative map  $df_a : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  in the new situation will have the same properties (1)-(6) of Proposition 3.2.

**Exercises 7.2.** Show that

(1) if  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is differentiable at  $a \in U$ , where  $U$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} df_a(v) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(a+tv) - f(a)}{t} \text{ if } v \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(a+tv) - f(a)}{t} \text{ if } -v \in \mathbb{R}_+^n. \end{aligned}$$

(2) if  $f, g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  are differentiable maps, where  $U$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , such that  $f$  and  $g$  agree on  $U \cap \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , then  $df_a = dg_a$  for  $a \in U \cap \mathbb{R}_+^n$ .

**Lemma 7.3.** If  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^m$  is differentiable, where  $U$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , such that  $f$  maps  $a \in U$  into  $f(a) \in \partial\mathbb{R}_+^m$ , then  $df_a$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\partial\mathbb{R}_+^m$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$df_a(v) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+tv) - f(a)}{t}.$$

Therefore given an  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $a + tv \in U$ , then

$$\left\| df_a(v) - \frac{f(a + tv) - f(a)}{t} \right\| < \epsilon$$

for all  $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$ ,  $t \neq 0$ . Write

$$u_t = df_a(v) - \frac{f(a + tv) - f(a)}{t},$$

where  $t$  is as above. Then

$$t(df_a(v) - u_t) = f(a + tv) - f(a).$$

Let  $F_1[v]$  denote the first coordinate of the vector  $v$ . Then, since  $-f(a) \in \partial\mathbb{R}_+^m \subset \mathbb{R}_+^m$ , and  $f(a + tv) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ , we have

$$t \cdot F_1[df_a(v) - u_t] = F_1[f(a + tv) - f(a)] \geq 0.$$

Therefore, if  $0 < t < \delta$ , then

$$F_1[df_a(v)] \geq F_1[u_t] > -\epsilon,$$

and if  $-\delta < t < 0$ , then

$$F_1[df_a(v)] \leq F_1[u_t] < \epsilon.$$

Therefore  $-\epsilon < F_1[df_a(v)] < \epsilon$ , and as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $F_1[df_a(v)] = 0$ . Therefore  $df_a(v) \in \partial\mathbb{R}_+^m$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7.4. (Invariance of Interior and Boundary).** Let  $f : U \rightarrow V$  be a diffeomorphism, where  $U$  and  $V$  are open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ , then

- (a)  $x \notin \partial U \Leftrightarrow f(x) \notin \partial V$ ,
- (b)  $f|_{\text{Int}(U)}$ , and  $f|_{\partial U}$  are diffeomorphisms.

*Proof.* The derivative map  $df_a : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is an isomorphism for each  $a \in U$ , by the functorial properties of derivative (Proposition 3.2). Therefore, by the preceding lemma, no interior point of  $U$  can be mapped onto a boundary point of  $V$ , and conversely. Thus  $f$  induces bijections  $\text{Int}U \rightarrow \text{Int}V$  and  $\partial U \rightarrow \partial V$ . These are actually diffeomorphisms, because the restriction of  $f$  to any subset of  $U$  is always a smooth map.  $\square$

**Definition 7.5.** A second countable Hausdorff space  $M$  is called a smooth  $n$ -manifold with boundary if it satisfies all the conditions of a smooth manifold, with the exception that now we allow coordinate neighbourhoods to map onto open subsets in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ .

If  $\phi : U \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$  is such a coordinate chart, where  $U$  is open in  $M$  and  $V$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ , then a point of  $\phi^{-1}(\partial V)$  is called a boundary point for the chart  $(U, \phi)$ . The definition does not depend on the chart. For, if  $(U, \phi)$  and  $(V, \psi)$  are two coordinate charts around  $x \in M$  with  $\phi(x) \in \partial\mathbb{R}_+^n$  and  $\psi(x) \in \text{Int}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ , then the diffeomorphism  $\psi \circ \phi^{-1}$  will map a boundary point of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  onto an interior point of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ . This is not possible by the invariance of boundary as described in Theorem 7.4. The collection of all boundary points is the **boundary** of  $M$ , which is denoted by  $\partial M$ .

**Theorem 7.6.** *The boundary  $\partial M$  of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  is a manifold of dimension  $n - 1$ , and  $\partial M$  has no boundary.*

*Proof.* We have already seen that if  $x$  is a boundary point with respect to one coordinate system, then it remains a boundary point relative to any other coordinate system. If  $\phi : U \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$  is a coordinate chart in  $M$ , then  $\phi^{-1}(\partial V) = U \cap \partial M$  is an open set in  $\partial M$ , and  $(U \cap \partial M, \lambda \circ \phi)$  is a coordinate chart for  $\partial M$ , where  $\lambda : \partial \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  is a linear isomorphism. The collection of all such charts is a smooth atlas on  $\partial M$ . Thus the boundary  $\partial M$  is a manifold of dimension  $n - 1$ .  $\square$

The interior of  $M$  is the set  $\text{Int}M = M - \partial M$ . It is a manifold of the same dimension as  $M$ , and it has no boundary.

**Exercise 7.7.** Show that if  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a diffeomorphism, then  $f(\partial M) = \partial N$  and  $f(\text{Int}M) = \text{Int}N$ .

The notion of submanifold can also be extended.

**Definition 7.8.** An  $m$ -submanifold  $N$  of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  with boundary satisfies the same conditions as when  $M$  is without boundary, except that, for every coordinate chart  $(U, \phi)$ ,  $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^n$ ,  $\phi^{-1}(\mathbb{R}_+^m) = U \cap N$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_+^m$  is the subspace of the first  $m$  coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ .

A map on a manifold with boundary is smooth, if it is locally extendable to a smooth map. The concepts of rank, immersion, submersion, embedding, and diffeomorphism remain exactly the same as before. However, there are two kinds of submanifolds  $N$  of  $M$  arising from two kinds of embeddings, namely, embeddings of a manifold into a manifold without boundary, or embeddings of a manifold into a manifold with boundary. Consider, for example, a closed interval  $I$  embedded in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ ;  $I$  may lie entirely in  $\text{Int}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ , or  $I$  may have a boundary point in  $\partial \mathbb{R}_+^n$ . The two cases are essentially distinct, although Proposition 4.4 holds for each of them. For example, given two submanifolds of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  of the first kind, there exists a diffeomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  carrying one to the other, but there cannot exist a diffeomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  carrying a submanifold of the first kind into one of the second kind (why?).

In general, there is no relation between  $\partial N$  and  $\partial M$ , when  $N$  is a submanifold of  $M$ . We define a special kind of submanifold  $N$  whose boundary is nicely placed in the ambient manifold  $M$ .

**Definition 7.9.** An  $m$ -submanifold  $N$  of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  is a **neat submanifold** of  $M$  if  $N$  is a closed subset of  $M$ , and

- (a) each point  $p \in N$  has a chart  $(U, \phi)$  at  $p$  in  $M$ , where  $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , such that  $\phi^{-1}(\mathbb{R}_+^m) = U \cap N$ ,
- (b) each point  $p \in \partial N$  has a chart  $(U, \phi)$  at  $p$  in  $M$ , where  $\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , such that  $\phi^{-1}(\partial \mathbb{R}_+^m) = U \cap \partial N$ ,

The definition implies that  $N$  meets  $\partial M$  in the same way as  $\mathbb{R}_+^m$  meets  $\partial \mathbb{R}_+^n$ . Indeed,  $\partial \mathbb{R}_+^m = \mathbb{R}_+^m \cap \partial \mathbb{R}_+^n$  implies  $\partial N = N \cap \partial M$ . In particular, if  $\partial N = \emptyset$ , then  $N$  is disjoint from  $\partial M$ , and so  $N$  is a submanifold of  $\text{Int}M$ . Note that a curve with end points in a manifold with boundary is not a neat submanifold of  $M$  unless its end points lie in  $\partial M$ .

**Exercise 7.10.** Show that a closed subset  $A$  of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  is a neat submanifold of dimension  $m$  if and only if at each point  $p \in A$  there is a chart  $(U, \phi)$  in

$M$  and a submersion  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$  such that  $f$  is also a submersion on  $U \cap \partial M$ , and  $f^{-1}(0) = U \cap A$ .

**Exercise 7.11.** Extend Definition 4.7 of regular value of a smooth map

$$f : M \rightarrow N$$

as follows. A point  $q \in N$  is a regular value of  $f$  if (1)  $f$  is a submersion at every point  $p \in f^{-1}(q)$ , and (2)  $f|_{\partial M}$  is a submersion at every point  $p \in f^{-1}(q) \cap \partial M$ . If  $p \in \text{Int}M$ , then the condition (2) does not arise, and if  $p \in \partial M$ , then condition (1) is redundant, as it follows from the condition (2).

Show that if  $q$  is a regular value of  $f$ , then  $f^{-1}(q)$  is a neat submanifold of  $M$ .

It may be noted that the definitions of tangent vector and tangent bundle remain the same in the context of manifold with boundary.