

8. Diffeomorphisms and Homeomorphisms

1. a) Manifolds  $M$  and  $N$  are *diffeomorphic* if there exists a one to one, onto map  $F : M \rightarrow N$  such that both  $F$  and  $F^{-1}$  are smooth in patch coordinates.
  - b) That is, if  $(U, \phi)$  is a patch at  $p \in M$ , and  $(V, \psi)$  is a patch at  $F(p) \in N$ , then  $(\psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1})$  and  $(\phi \circ F^{-1} \circ \psi^{-1})$  are smooth.
  - c) You only have to check this for one choice of an atlas on  $M$  and an atlas on  $N$ . Then it holds for all other compatible charts.
  - d) Note: If we substitute “continuous” for “smooth” in our definitions of a manifold and diffeomorphism, we get the definitions of “topological manifold” and “homeomorphism”. Thus, diffeomorphic manifolds are homeomorphic.
  - e) An  $n$ -dimensional topological manifold,  $n \leq 3$ , can be given a unique differentiable structure. But if  $n \geq 4$ , there are topological manifolds that cannot be given a smooth structure.

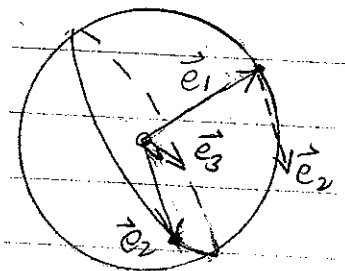
2. Example:  $\mathbb{R}^3, S^3, S^2 \times S^1, S^1 \times S^1 \times S^1, P^3, SO(3)$ : all of dimension 3.

- a) There are “topological invariants” that show every pair except the last are *not* homeomorphic.

An “extra problem” will be to show that  $P^3$  and  $SO(3)$  are homeomorphic.

- b) At first you might think that  $SO(3)$  and  $S^2 \times S^1$  are homeomorphic: just choose  $\vec{e}_1 \in S^2$ . Then

for each  $\vec{e}_1$ , choose  $\vec{e}_2 \in S^1$ . What is wrong with this argument?



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9. The Flow of a Vector Field

1. Flow Lines of a Vector Field [Frankel, pp. 30-35]

a) If  $Y$  is a vector field on  $M$ , then an *integral curve* (or *flow line*) of  $Y$  is a curve  $\gamma(t)$  with  $\frac{d\gamma}{dt} = Y_{\gamma(t)}$ .

b) In a coordinate patch, if  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n Y^i(x^1, \dots, x^n) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ , then  $\gamma(t) = (x^1(t), \dots, x^n(t))$  is obtained by solving the system of ODEs

$$\frac{dx^i}{dt} = Y^i(x^1(t), \dots, x^n(t)), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

c) Example:  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + (x^2)^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}$ .

So,  $Y^1(x^1, x^2) = 1$  and  $Y^2(x^1, x^2) = (x^2)^2$ . The flow lines  $\gamma(t) = (x^1(t), x^2(t))$  are solutions of  $\frac{dx^1}{dt} = 1$ ,  $\frac{dx^2}{dt} = (x^2)^2$ . Thus,

$$x^1 = t + a, x^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{b} - t}$$

is the flow line satisfying  $\gamma(0) = (a, b)$ ,  $b \neq 0$  and

$$x^1 = t + a, x^2 = 0$$

is the flow line satisfying  $\gamma(0) = (a, 0)$ .

d) Theorem There is a unique maximal (i.e. defined on the largest possible  $t$  interval) integral curve  $\gamma_p$  with  $\gamma_p(0) = p$ .

2. Local Flows

a) Let  $\phi_t(p) = \gamma_p(t)$  (if the latter exists). This map moves every point of  $M$  along a flow line of  $Y$  for a time  $t$ .

b) It may not be possible to flow every point for a given time  $t \neq 0$  (see the above example). But, every point  $p$  lies in a chart neighborhood  $U$  that can be flowed for some (possibly small) fixed time; i.e.  $\phi_t(q)$  exists for all  $q \in U$  and  $-\epsilon < t < \epsilon$  (this is the Fundamental Theorem on p. 32 of Frankel: we say "local flows exist").

3. Local Flows of  $\gamma$  at a nonsingular point (i.e.  $Y_p \neq 0$ .)

a) Theorem: If  $Y_p \neq 0$ , there is a chart  $(U, (y^1, \dots, y^n))$  around  $p$  such that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}|_p = Y_q$  for all  $q \in U$ .

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10. Tangent Maps (Pushforward)

1. a) A smooth map  $F : M^m \rightarrow N^n$  determines a linear *tangent map* of tangent spaces

$$F_* : M_p \rightarrow N_{F(p)}.$$

b) For coordinates  $\phi = (x^1, \dots, x^m)$  at  $p \in M$ , and  $\psi = (y^1, \dots, y^n)$  at  $F(p) \in N$ ,

$$F_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial y^i}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}.$$

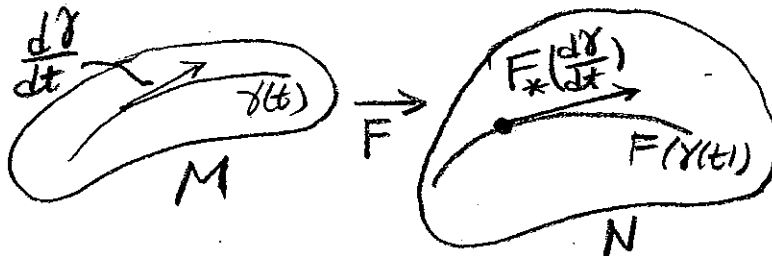
i.e. the matrix of the linear transformation  $F_*$  is the Jacobian

$$\frac{\partial(y^1, \dots, y^n)}{\partial(x^1, \dots, x^m)} = D(\psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1}).$$

c) We can check directly that the definition of  $F_*$  does not depend on the choice of coordinates.

Or, we can find a coordinate independent definition. Let  $\gamma(t)$  be a curve in  $M$  and  $\frac{d\gamma}{dt}$  a tangent vector tangent to  $\gamma(t)$ . Define

$$F_* \left( \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} F(\gamma(t)).$$



Then the formula above for  $F_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right)$  follows directly from the chain rule. Explain:

2. Example:  $F$ : upper half plane  $\rightarrow$  upper half plane,  $F(x^1, x^2) = (y^1, y^2)$  where  $y^1 = \frac{x^1}{x^2}$  and  $y^2 = x^2$ . We have

$$F_* \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} = \frac{\partial y^1}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} + \frac{\partial y^2}{\partial x^1} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} \quad (1)$$

$$F_* \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial y^1}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} + \frac{\partial y^2}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^2} = \frac{-x^1}{(x^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y^2} \quad (2)$$

Or we may view equations (1) and (2) above as

$$\begin{aligned} \left( F_* \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \quad F_* \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix} DF \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial(y^1, y^2) \\ \partial(x^1, x^2) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(This is the same type of formula as you used in Worksheet #4, just a slightly different viewpoint - maps instead of coordinate changes.)

So, if  $p : (x^1, x^2) = (1, .1)$ , then  $F(p) = (y^1, y^2) = (10, .1)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} F_* \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Big|_p &= 10 \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} \Big|_{F(p)} \\ F_* \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \Big|_p &= -100 \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} \Big|_{F(p)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y^2} \Big|_{F(p)}. \end{aligned}$$

Locate the basis vectors  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} \Big|_{F(p)}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y^2} \Big|_{F(p)}$ :

