

Differential Geometry and Topology

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1. Let I be the closed unit interval $[0, 1]$ of real numbers equipped with the standard topology. Let $H(I)$ denote the group of all homeomorphisms of I . Show that $H(I) = H_0(I) \cup H_1(I)$ where

$$H_0(I) = \left\{ f : I \rightarrow I \mid f \text{ is a strictly increasing continuous function such that } f(0) = 0, \text{ and } f(1) = 1. \right\}$$
$$H_1(I) = \left\{ f : I \rightarrow I \mid f \text{ is a strictly decreasing continuous function such that } f(0) = 1, \text{ and } f(1) = 0. \right\}$$

2. Let $\mathbb{D}^2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$
 - (a) Show that \mathbb{D}^2 with an oriented 1-handle attached is an annulus.
 - (b) What is \mathbb{D}^2 with a non-orientable 1-handle attached?
3. (Handle-Sliding Process): Let Z be the topological space obtained from D^2 by attaching two disjoint non-oriented 1-handles. Let W be the topological space obtained from D^2 by attaching two intertwined 1-handles, one orientable, and the other non-orientable. Show that Z is homeomorphic to W
4. Let S_1 and S_2 be two surfaces, define $S_1 \# S_2$. What is $\mathbb{P}^2(\mathbb{R}) \# \mathbb{P}^2(\mathbb{R})$?
5. Show that $\mathbb{P}^2 \# K^2 \cong \mathbb{P}^2 \# T^2$, where T^2 is the torus and K^2 is the Klein bottle.
6. Show that $X_g = 4g$ -gon with a certain identification of edges on the boundary.
7. Show that $Y_h = 2h$ -gon with a certain identification of edges on the boundary.

8. Consider the map $\sigma : \mathbb{R}^3 - 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 - 0$ given by $\sigma(\bar{x}) = -(\bar{x})$. Consider X_g 's embedded in \mathbb{R}^3 invariant under σ . Show that $X_g/\sigma = Y_h$ where $2 - 2g = 2(1 - h)$.
- (This generalizes the standard construction which shows S^2 as a double cover of $\mathbb{P}^2(\mathbb{R})$.)
9. Let $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a smooth function and define $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $\gamma(t) = (t, g(t))$. Compute the curvature of γ .
10. Show that a directed curve in \mathbb{R}^3 is a straight line if and only if all its tangent lines are parallel.
11. (a) Compute the curvature of $\gamma(t) = (t, t^3)$
 (b) Show that for a regular curve γ with curvature $\kappa(t) \geq 0, \forall t$, the curvature κ is a smooth function of t
 (c) Is the above statement true if $\kappa(t) = 0$ for some $t \in \mathbb{R}$?
12. For the following curves, analyse the behaviour of the curvature (i.e. try to see where the curvature attains maxima and minima and also find on which side of the tangent line the curve lies as you move in the increasing direction of t)
- (a) $\gamma(t) = (a \cos t, b \sin t), a \geq b \geq 0$
 (b) $\sigma(t) = (t, t^2)$
 (c) $\nu(t) = (\cosh t, \sinh t)$
- (Verify your guesses by computing the curvatures explicitly)
13. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ as a set. Consider the function $\phi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $\phi(x) = x^3$
- (a) Prove that ϕ defines a smooth structure on X .
 (b) With the smooth structure as defined above is the identity map $i: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a diffeomorphism?
14. Let $\gamma: (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a curve in the xz -plane i.e. $\gamma(t) = (x(t), 0, z(t))$. Assume $x(t) \geq 0$. We revolve γ around the z -axis to get a Surface of Revolution
- (a) Write down a parametrization for a surface of revolution.
 (b) Describe the surface of revolution of the curve $\gamma(t) = (\cosh t, 0, t)$
15. (a) Let $f: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a C^1 function s.t. $0 \in f(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ and $S := f^{-1}(0)$, assume $\nabla f(p) \neq 0 \forall p \in S$
 Use the Inverse Function Theorem to show that S is an n -manifold.

- (b) Describe $T_p(S), p \in S$.
16. Let $S_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : A = A^t\}$; $S_n(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector space of dimension $n(n+1)/2$.
- (a) Show that $F: M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow S_n(\mathbb{R})$ given by $F(X) = XX^t$, is smooth.
- (b) Let $O(n) = F^{-1}(I)$, where $I \in S_n(\mathbb{R})$ is the identity matrix. Show that $O(n)$ is a manifold of dimension $n(n-1)/2$.
17. $f: \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ is given by $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{r}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Compute the jacobian and interpret geometrically.
18. Let M an n -dimensional manifold and $p \in M$.
- (a) Show that for any $v \in T_p(M)$, \exists a smooth curve γ with $\gamma(0) = p$ and $\gamma'(0) = v$.
- (b) If (U, x) is a chart around p , then we can write any $v \in T_p(M)$ as $v = \sum_{i=1}^n v(x_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Big|_p$. If (V, y) is another chart around p , how are the expressions for $v \in T_p(M)$ w.r.t (U, x) and (V, y) related?
19. Let ω be an n -form on the n -manifold S ;
- (a) Show that if $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ is a linearly dependent set in $T_p(S), p \in S$ then $\omega(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$.
- (b) Show that if $k \geq n$ then ω is identically zero.
20. $S \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is an oriented n -manifold. Let ω_1 be a k -form and ω_2 an l -form on S . Their exterior product is defined by ,

$$\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2(v_1, \dots, v_{k+l}) := \frac{1}{k!l!} \sum (\text{sign} \sigma) \omega_1(v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k)}) \omega_2(v_{\sigma(k+1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(k+l)})$$

where the sum is taken over all permutations σ of $\{1, \dots, k+l\}$

- (a) Show that $\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2$ is a $(k+l)$ -form on S .
- (b) Show that $\omega_2 \wedge \omega_1 = (-1)^{kl} \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2$
- (c) Show that if ω_3 is another l -form on S , then $\omega_1 \wedge (\omega_2 + \omega_3) = (\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2) + (\omega_1 \wedge \omega_3)$
- (d) Show that if ω_3 is an m -form on S ; $\omega_1 \wedge (\omega_2 \wedge \omega_3) = (\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2) \wedge \omega_3$
21. M and N are smooth manifolds and $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a smooth map. Let ω be a k -form on N . The pull back of ω is defined by;
- $(f^*\omega)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \omega(f_*(v_1), \dots, f_*(v_k))$ where f_* is the differential of f ;

- (a) Show that $f^*\omega$ is a k-form on M
- (b) $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with $f(x) = (x, -x)$ and $\omega = dx + dy$, compute $f^*\omega$.
22. Let M be a manifold of dimension m .
- (a) Let ω be a 1-form on M , find local expressions for ω
- (b) Express any k-form ϕ in terms of local coordinates.
23. (a) Define the Exterior Derivative of a k-form on M .
- (b) If f is a 0-form i.e. a smooth function on M , what is the exterior derivative df of f ?
- (c) Show that for a k-form ω and an l-form η ;
 $d(\omega \wedge \eta) = d\omega \wedge \eta + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d\eta$
24. (a) Show that for $S^n(r)$, the n-dimensional sphere of radius $r \geq 0$ in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , the normal at $x \in S^n(r)$ is given by $N_x = \frac{x}{r}$
- (b) Let \tilde{D} be the affine connection on \mathbb{R}^n given by $\tilde{D}_v w = \sum v(w_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ where $w = \sum w_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$;
- i. For any n-manifold $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$; can we define a connection by setting $D_{v_p} w := \tilde{D}_{v_p} w$? Analyse the case of $S^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$
- ii. How do we modify the above definition to get an affine connection on any hypersurface?
25. If ∇ is an affine connection on \mathbb{R}^n s.t. for vector fields u, v and w
 $w \cdot \nabla_u v = \nabla_u (w \cdot v) + v \cdot \nabla_u w$;
Then show that ∇ is the same as the standard connection on \mathbb{R}^n .
26. Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and $i: S \rightarrow M$ a submanifold.
- (a) Define the metric on S induced by the metric g . Show that the induced metric is smooth.
- (b) If \mathbb{R}^{n+1} has the standard metric, what is the induced metric on S^n ?
- (c) What is the induced metric on a surface of revolution in \mathbb{R}^3 ?
27. Let $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ and $\phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S$ be defined by $\phi(x, y) = (\cos x, \sin x, y)$. Check that ϕ is a local isometry. Is it an isometry?