

Differentiable Manifolds

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§ 1. We will begin with results from the theory of differentiable functions of several real variables.

§ 1.1. Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a non-empty open subset. We denote by x_1, \dots, x_n global coordinates on \mathbb{R}^n . A function $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be infinitely differentiable, or C^∞ , if all the partial derivatives $\frac{\partial^{i_1+\dots+i_n} f}{\partial x_1^{i_1} \dots \partial x_n^{i_n}}$ exist (and then they are also continuous) at any point in U . If $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ are non-empty open sets

and

$f : U \rightarrow V$ a map such that each coordinate function of $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ is a C^∞ function on U then we say that f is a differentiable or smooth map.

Remarks (1) More generally, we can define functions which are C^k on open sets in \mathbb{R}^n and maps which are C^k . A function is C^k if all its derivatives upto order k exist and are continuous on U , etc.

(2) A C^∞ function may not be analytic. For example,

$$\text{let } f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Let $\{r_m\}$ be an ordering of all rational numbers. The function $g(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^m} \cdot f(x - r_m)$ is C^∞ but nowhere analytic, i.e. g is not represented by its Taylor's series. This is because each term in the above series is analytic at each point except at r_m . Hence if g is analytic in some open set then it is analytic at any r_m in that open set, a contradiction since all but one functions in the series is analytic at r_m .

In fact, we will show below that there exist non-trivial C^∞ functions on \mathbb{R}^n which are identically 0 outside a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n (C^∞ Urysohn's lemma).

Notation. Will use the following multi-index notation in future.

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n), \alpha_i \geq 0 \text{ being integers.} \\ x &= (x_1, \dots, x_n), x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}. \\ D^\alpha &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)^{\alpha_n}, \alpha! = \alpha_1! \alpha_2! \cdots \alpha_n!, |\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n. \\ \|x\| &= \left(\sum x_i^2\right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

With these notations we will state the important Taylor's formula.

§1.2. Taylor's theorem

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set and let $f \in C^k(U)$. Suppose $x, y \in U$ are such that the closed line segment $[x, y]$ joining x to y is also contained in U . Then we have

$$f(x) = f(y) + \sum_{|\alpha|=1}^{k-1} \frac{D^\alpha f(y)}{\alpha!} (x-y)^\alpha + \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{D^\alpha f(\xi)}{\alpha!} (x-y)^\alpha$$

where $\xi \in [x, y]$ is a suitable point.

This follows from the 1-variable Taylor's formula applied to the function $g(t) = f(y + t(x-y))$, where t belongs to an open neighborhood of $[0, 1]$ in \mathbb{R} .

Let R_k denote the last term in Taylor's formula. Then for all x such that $|x-y| \leq \delta$ we have $|R_k| \leq M\delta^k$, where M depends on k and the upper bound on all the partial derivatives of f of total order k in U .

§1.3. C^∞ Urysohn's lemma

Our aim is to prove the following useful result.

Proposition 1. Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a compact set and U an open set in \mathbb{R}^n containing A . Then there is a C^∞ function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $f(A) = 1$ and the set $\{p \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(p) > 0\}$ has compact closure contained in U .

Proof. Step 1. For any point $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\epsilon > 0$, let $B_\epsilon(a)$ be the open ball of radius ϵ with center a . Let $h(t)$ be defined on \mathbb{R} by

$$h(t) = 0, t \leq 0, \text{ and } h(t) = e^{-1/t} \text{ for } t > 0.$$

Then h is a C^∞ function. We write (x) for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\text{Let } \bar{g}(x) = \frac{h(\epsilon - \sum x_i^2)}{h(\epsilon - \sum x_i^2) + h(\sum x_i^2 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon)}$$

Then \bar{g} is well defined and C^∞ . Clearly $\bar{g}(x) = 0$ if $\sum x_i^2 \geq \epsilon$ and for all other (x) , $\bar{g}(x) > 0$. If $0 \leq \sum x_i^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}\epsilon$ then $\bar{g}(x) \equiv 1$. Thus $\bar{g}(x)$ is C^∞ , vanishes outside $B_{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(0)$ and > 0 on $B_{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(0)$. Further, $\bar{g}(x) \equiv 1$ on $\bar{B}_{\sqrt{\epsilon/2}}(0)$. Now $g(x) = \bar{g}(x - a)$ has the analogous property in $B_{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(a)$, viz. $g(x) \equiv 0$ outside $B_{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(a)$, > 0 on $B_{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(a)$ and identically 1 on $\bar{B}_{\sqrt{\epsilon/2}}(a)$.

Step 2. Since A is a compact, we can find $\epsilon > 0$ and finitely many points $a_1, \dots, a_k \in A$ such that $A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^k B_{\sqrt{\epsilon/2}}(a_i)$ and $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \bar{B}_{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(a_i) \subset U$. Let g_i be defined on $B_{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(a_i)$ with the properties in Step 1. Let $f(x) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - g_i)$.

For any $x \in A$ at least one g_i has value 1 at x . Hence $f|_A \equiv 1$. Clearly, each $g_i \equiv 0$ outside $\bigcup_{i=1}^k B_{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(a_i)$. Hence f is identically zero outside the

compact set $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \bar{B}_{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(a_i)$ which is contained in U .

Corollary. Let $(a) \in \mathbb{R}^n, U$ an open set containing (a) and f a C^∞ function $U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then there is an open neighbourhood V of $(a), V \subset U$ such that $f' = f|_V$ extends to a C^∞ function $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

§ 1.4. Partition of Unity

Recall that for a continuous function f on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ the support of f is the closure of the set $\{(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$. A family of subset $\{E_i\}_{i \in I}$ of U is called *locally finite* if any $a \in U$ has an open neighbourhood which meets only finitely many E_i . A family of subsets $\{E'_j\}_{j \in J}$ is called a refinement of the family $\{E_i\}_{i \in I}$ if each $E'_j \subset E_{j_i}$ for some E_{j_i} depending on j .

A topological space X is *locally compact* if any point $x \in X$ has an open neighborhood whose closure is compact.

Recall the following result from General Topology.

Lemma 1. Let X be a locally compact, Hausdorff topological space which is a countable union of compact sets. Then X is a paracompact, i.e. any open covering $\{U_i\}$ of X has a locally finite refinement by open sets $\{V_j\}$ such that $\bar{V}_j \subset U_{i_j}, \{V_j\}$ is a covering of X and \bar{V}_j is compact.

Theorem 1. Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open subset and $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$, where each U_i is open. Then there exists a family of C^∞ functions $\{\varphi_i\}_{i \in I}$ such that

- (i) $0 \leq \varphi_i \leq 1$ and support $\varphi_i \subset U_i$
- (ii) $\{\text{support } \varphi_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a locally finite family
- (iii) $\sum_{i \in I} \varphi_i(x) = 1$ for each $x \in U$.

Proof. By Lemma 1 there is a locally finite refinement $\{V_j\}_{j \in J}$ such that \bar{V}_j is compact, $\bar{V}_j \subset U_i$ and $U = \bigcup V_j$. We can find an open covering $\{W_j\}_{j \in J}$

such that $\overline{W_j} \subset V_j$ for $j \in J$. By Proposition 1, there exists a C^∞ function ψ_j on U , $\psi_j(x) > 0$ on w_j , support $\psi_j \subset U_j$ and $\psi_j \geq 0$. Define $\varphi'_j = \psi_j / \sum_{k \in J} \psi_k$. This is well-defined by local finiteness of $\{W_j\}$ and since $\psi_k(x) > 0$ for each x for some k . Now $\sum_{j \in J} \varphi_j = 1$. Let $\tau : J \rightarrow I$ be any map such that $V_j \subset U_{\tau(j)}$. For each $i \in I$, let $J_i = \tau^{-1}(i)$. Define $\varphi_i = \sum_{j \in J_i} \varphi'_j$. Then $\sum \varphi_i = 1$, support $\varphi_i \subset U_i$ and $\{\text{supp } \varphi_i\}$ is a locally finite family.

Corollary. Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, X a closed subset of U and V an open subset of U containing X . Then there exists a C^∞ function $\psi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\psi(x) = 1$ for $x \in X$, $\psi(x) = 0$ for $x \in V - V$, $0 \leq \psi \leq 1$.

Proof. By the Theorem above, there exist C^∞ function $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \geq 0$ such that $\text{supp } \varphi_1 \subset V$, $\text{supp } \varphi_2 \subset U - X$ and $\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 = 1$ on U . Let $\varphi = \varphi_1$.

Remark. Later we will construct a partition of unity on any second countable differentiable manifold.

§2. Inverse and implicit function theorems

§2.1 Inverse function theorem

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set, $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ a C^∞ function, $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$, such that for some $a \in U$, the determinant $|\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}|(a) \neq 0$. Then there is an open neighbourhood $a \in V \subset U$ such that $f|_V$ is a homeomorphism onto an open neighbourhood of $f(a)$.

Proof. We can assume that $a = 0, f(a) = 0$. By composing f with a suitable non-singular linear map of \mathbb{R}^n into itself, we can also assume that

the Taylor expansion of f_i upto terms of degree 3 has the form $f_i = x_i + \sum_{\sum \alpha_i=2} \frac{D^\alpha f(0)}{\alpha!} x^\alpha + \sum_{|\alpha|=3} \frac{D^\alpha f(\xi)}{\alpha!}$. Here, Taylor's Theorem, ξ is a suitable point on the segment joining 0 and x . It is easy to see that for suitable real numbers $r_1 > 0, \dots, r_n > 0$, letting $g = f(x) - x$ (in the multiindex notation), $|x_i|, |y_i| < r_i$ implies $|g(x) - g(y)| \leq 1/2 |x - y|$. Hence $f(x) - f(y) = g(x) - g(y) + x - y$ and for such x, y we have $|f(x) - f(y)| \geq \frac{1}{2} |x - y|$. This shows that f is injective on $W = \{x \mid |x_i| < r_i\}$. Let $V = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |y_i| \leq \frac{1}{2} r_i\}$ and $B = W \cap f^{-1}(V)$. We will construct the inverse function inductively.

Let $\varphi_0 : V \rightarrow W$ be defined by $\varphi_0(y) = 0$ and by induction $\varphi_k(y) = y - g(\varphi_{k-1}(y))$. Using the observation above that $|g(x) - g(x')| \leq 1/2 |x - x'|$ on \overline{W} , we verify by induction that $\varphi_k(y) \in W$ for each k and further

$$|\varphi_k(y) - \varphi_{k-1}(y)| = |g(\varphi_{k-1}(y)) - g(\varphi_{k-2}(y))| \leq \frac{r}{2^k} (r = (\sum r_i^2)^{1/2}).$$

Let $\varphi(y) = \lim \varphi_k(y)$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

Since $g(x) = f(x) - x$, we deduce that $f(\varphi(y)) = y$. Since $f|_W$ is injective, φ is the inverse of f . Each φ_k is continuous and the convergence $\varphi_k \rightarrow \varphi$ is uniform. Hence φ is continuous.

Remark. The analogous statement and proof is valid for a holomorphic function f from an open set $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ to \mathbb{C}^n .

§ 2.2. Implicit function theorem

Let $U_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^m, U_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open sets and $f : U_1 \times U_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ a C^∞ function. Let x, y be global coordinates on $\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^n$ respectively. Suppose that for some $(a, b) \in U_1 \times U_2, f(a, b) = 0$ and the matrix $(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial y_j})(a, b)$ has rank n . Then there is an open neighbourhood $U \times V$ of (a, b) such that for any $x \in U$,

there is a unique $y = y(x) \in V$ such that $f(x, y(x)) = 0$. Further, the map $x \rightarrow y(x)$ is continuous.

Proof. We deduce this result from the Inverse function theorem. For convenience, we denote the coordinates in \mathbb{R}^m and \mathbb{R}^n by x_1, \dots, x_m and y_1, \dots, y_n respectively. Define $F : U_1 \times U_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ by $F(x, y) = (x, f(x, y))$. We check easily that the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} (a, b) \neq 0$. By the previous result, there is a neighbourhood $U' \times V$ of (a, b) and a neighbourhood W of $(a, 0)$ such that $F|_{U' \times V} \rightarrow W$ is a homeomorphism. Let $\varphi : W \rightarrow U' \times V$ be the continuous inverse of F . Let U be a neighbourhood of a such that $x \in U$ implies $(x, 0) \in W$. For $x \in U$, let $y(x)$ be the projection of $\varphi(x, 0)$ on V . Clearly if $y \in V$ is such that $f(x, y) = 0$ then $y = y(x)$. Then $y(x)$ is a continuous map with $f(x, y(x)) = 0$.

Remark. Analogous result is valid for holomorphic maps $\mathbb{C}^{m+n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$. In this case $y(x)$ is a holomorphic function of x .

§2.3. Differentiability of the implicit functions

We will not give details for the general case since it only involves more complicated notation and no other serious difficulties.

Assume that $f(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$ is C^2 in an open neighbourhood U of 0 in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , $f(0) = 0$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0) \neq 0$. By Implicit function theorem, there is an open neighbourhood V of 0 in \mathbb{R}^n and a continuous function $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(g(y_1, \dots, y_n), y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \equiv 0$ for $(y) \in V$. By Taylor's formula, we can find an open subset $U' \subset U$ and a constant $M > 0$ such that for any $(x, y_1, \dots, y_n) \in U'$,

$$f(x, y_1, \dots, y_n) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0)x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1}(0)y_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_n}(0)y_n + R,$$

where $|R| \leq M(x^2 + y_1^2 + \cdots + y_n^2)$ in U' . Hence if V is a sufficiently small neighbourhood of 0 in \mathbb{R}^n then $(g(y), y_1, \cdots, y_n) \in U'$ and we have

$$f(g(y), y_1, \cdots, y_n) = 0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0) \cdot g(y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1}(0)y_1 + \cdots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_n}(0)y_n + R.$$

If we vary only y_i and keep the other $y_j = 0$, we set

$$0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0) \cdot g(0, \cdots, y_i, \cdots, 0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_i}(0)y_i + R.$$

From this we see that $\lim_{y_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(0, \cdots, y_i, 0, \cdots, 0)}{y_i} \rightarrow -\frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_i}(0)}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0)}$. This shows that g is differentiable (of order at least 1).

Since the Inverse function theorem is a special case of the Implicit function theorem the same discussion applies for differentiability of the inverse function.

§2.4. An example

Let $f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = x_1^{a_1} + x_2^{a_2} + \cdots + x_n^{a_n} - 1$, where a_i are integers ≥ 1 . The only point in \mathbb{R}^n where all the partials $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ are 0 is the origin. Hence at any point p on the hypersurface $\{f = 0\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n , $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p) \neq 0$ for at least one i . Then in a neighbourhood of p , there exists a differentiable function, $g(x_1, \cdots, \hat{x}_i, \cdots, x_n)$ such that $x_1^{a_1} + \cdots + g^{a_i} + \cdots + x_n^{a_n} - 1 \equiv 0$. Hence the map $(x_1, \cdots, \hat{x}_i, \cdots, x_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \cdots, g, \cdots, x_n)$ is a parametrization of an open subset of the hypersurface $\{f = 0\}$.

Similar result is valid for common zeros of finitely many differentiable functions by making use of the Implicit function theorem.

§2.5. Rank Theorem

Definition. Let $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open sets. A surjective homeomorphism $f : U \rightarrow V$ such that f and f^{-1} are both C^∞ is called a diffeomorphism.

Theorem. Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open sets and let $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ be a C^∞ map $U \rightarrow V$. Let x_1, \dots, x_m be the coordinates on \mathbb{R}^m . Suppose that the matrix $\left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}\right)(x)$ has rank r for each $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Then by composing f with suitable diffeomorphisms of U and V , we can assume that f has the form $(x_1, \dots, x_m) \rightarrow (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r, 0, \dots, 0)$.

Proof. This is an application of the Implicit function theorem. Assume that $f(0) = 0$. We will indicate the argument only for the case when $m \geq n$ and $r = n$. Assume for simplicity that $\left|\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}\right|_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}}(0) \neq 0$. Introduce new variables y_1, \dots, y_r and $g_i = f_i - y_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then g_i are differentiable. By the Implicit function theorem, $\exists C^\infty$ functions

$$h_1(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n), \dots, h_n(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

in an open neighbourhood of 0 in \mathbb{R}^m such that

$$f_i(h_1, \dots, h_1, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m) = y_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

§ 3. Differentiable manifolds

3.1. Let X be a Hausdorff topological space. Suppose that any $x \in X$ has an open neighbourhood which is homeomorphic to an open ball in some \mathbb{R}^n . Then X is called a topological manifold. If X is connected then it is easy to see that the integer n is independent of $x \in X$. In this case we say that X is a topological manifold of dimension n . Using the theorem about invariance of dimension we can see that if X is connected then the integer n is well-defined. Now we will assume that X is connected.

Suppose now that X has an open covering $\{U_i\}$ such that there is a homeomorphism $f_j : U_i \rightarrow B_i \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, where B_i is the unit open ball in \mathbb{R}^n . Assume that whenever $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$ for some $i \neq j$, the natural map $f_i(U_i \cap U_j) \xrightarrow{f_{ij}} f_j(U_i \cap U_j)$ is a C^∞ map. In this case we say that X is a C^∞

manifold of dimension n . The function f_i is called a *coordinate charts* and f_{ij} the transition functions. Using the coordinate charts we can introduce many notions from the study of C^∞ functions an open sets in \mathbb{R}^n . For example

- (1) Let $V \subset X$ be a non-empty open subset. Let $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. We say that g is C^∞ if for each i the map $g \circ f_i^{-1}(V \cap U_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is C^∞ .
- (2) More generally, let X, Y be C^∞ manifolds and $g : X \rightarrow Y$ a map. Let $\{(U_i, f_i)\}, \{(V_j, h_j)\}$ denote coordinates charts for X, Y respectively. This gives natural maps. $f_i(U_i) \rightarrow h_j(g(U_i))$ for any i, j whenever $V_j \cap g(U_i) \neq \emptyset$. If for any such i, j these maps are C^∞ maps then we say that g is a C^∞ map.

Remark. H. Whitney has proved that any paracompact C^1 manifold carries a real analytic structure. This structure is unique. In view of this considering only C^∞ manifolds is not a loss of generality.

§3.2. Examples

- 1) Let $S^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ be the hypersurface $\{x_1^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2 = 1\}$. We have seen earlier that at any point on S^n where $x_{n+1} \neq 0$, the functions x_1, \dots, x_n serve as local parameters, i.e. the map $(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a homeomorphism in a small neighbourhood of such a point. Since x_{n+1} is a C^∞ function of x_1, \dots, x_n in such a neighbourhood we see easily that S^n is a C^∞ manifold.
- 2) Let X, Y be differentiable manifolds of dimension m, n and let $(U_i, f_i), (V_j, g_j)$ be coordinate charts for X, Y respectively. Then $U_i \times V_j \xrightarrow{(f_i, g_j)} B_i \times B_j$ is a homeomorphism and the transition functions are C^∞ .
- 3) Let $\tau : S^n \rightarrow S^n$ be the diffeomorphism $\tau(x) = -x$. If (U, f) is a coordinate chart for the C^∞ structure on S^n then we take the quotient

space $\mathbb{R}P^n$ of S^n obtained by identifying x and $-x \forall x \in S^n$. Let $\pi : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$ be the quotient map. Then $(\pi(U), f \circ \pi^{-1})$ serve as coordinate charts for $\mathbb{R}P^n$.

- 4) $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$. Let $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ be the set of $n \times n$ matrices with real entries and determinant 1. Write the entries as (X_{ij}) . Then $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ can be considered as a closed hypersurface in \mathbb{R}^{n^2} defined by $\{D = 1\}$, where $D = |X_{ij}|$. Clearly at any point p on $\{D = 1\}$, at least one partial derivative $\frac{\partial D}{\partial X_{ij}}(p) \neq 0$. By implicit function theorem, near p the function $X_{ij}|_{\{D=1\}}$ is a C^∞ function of the remaining variables $X_{k\ell}$. Hence $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is a manifold of dimension $n^2 - 1$.

§3.3. Partitions of unity for C^∞ manifolds

An easy modification of the partition of unity result proved earlier for an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n yields the following general result.

Theorem of Partition of unity for C^∞ manifolds

Given an open covering $\{U_i\}$ of a C^∞ manifold V which is second countable, there exists a family of C^∞ function $\{\varphi_i\}$ such that $\varphi_i \geq 0$, support $\varphi_i \subset U_i$ such that the family $\{supp \varphi_i\}$ is locally finite and $\sum \varphi_i(x) = 1$ for each $x \in V$.

Proof. We have only to use the fact that if (U, φ) is a coordinate chart and $K \subset U$ is compact, then there a C^∞ function η on V with compact support $\subset U$ such that $\eta(x) > 0$ for $x \in K$. This was already proved before.

Corollary. If F is a closed subset of V , $F \subset U$ an open set, then there exists a C^∞ function φ on V such that

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(x) &= 1 & \text{if } x \in F \\ &= 0 & \text{if } x \in X - U.\end{aligned}$$

§ 4. Tangent and cotangent vectors

§ 4.1 For an open set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and a differentiable map $f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow U$, the image is a curve passing through $f(0)$. Let the defining functions be denoted by $x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)$ where $t \in (-1, 1)$. The vector $(\frac{dx_1}{dt}(0), \dots, \frac{dx_n}{dt}(0))$ is the tangent direction to this curve at the point $f(0)$. We will now define the tangent space to a manifold M which does not depend on embedding M in \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition Let M be a C^∞ manifold and $a \in M$. Consider all ordered pairs (f, U) where U is an open neighbourhood of a and f is a C^∞ map $U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Define an equivalence relation on the set of ordered pairs as follows. $(f, U) \sim (f', U')$ if there is an open neighbourhood V of a such that $V \subset U \cap U'$ and $f|_V = f'|_V$. The equivalence classes are called germs of C^∞ functions at a , denoted by C_a^∞ . We define a *tangent vector* L at a to be an \mathbb{R} -linear map $L : C_a^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for $f, g \in C_a^\infty$, $L(f \cdot g) = L(f) \cdot g(a) + f(a)L(g)$, i.e., L is a *derivation* of C_a^∞ into \mathbb{R} .

Given a germ (f, U) , where (U, φ) gives a coordinate chart at a , the condition that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(a) = 0 = \dots = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(a)$ is well-defined. For any $f, g \in C_a^\infty$, $\varphi = f \cdot g - f(a)g - f \cdot g(a)$ has the property that (noting that $f(a), g(a)$ are constants) that $L(\varphi) = 0$. For any $r \in \mathbb{R}$, consider the constant functions $1, r \in C_a^\infty$. Now $L(r \cdot 1) = L(r) \cdot 1 + r \cdot L(1)$. Hence $L(1) = 0$ and by linearity of L , $L(r) = 0$ for any $r \in \mathbb{R}$. More generally, let $f \in C_a^\infty$ be such that

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(a) = 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. We use the Taylor's theorem,

$$f(x) = f(a) + \frac{D^2 f(\xi)}{2!}(x - a)^2 \text{ (multi-index notation!)}$$

for some $\xi \in [a, x]$. Since f is C^∞ we can see that the terms in $\frac{D^2 f(\xi)}{2!}$ are again C^∞ functions of x . It is clear that $L(\frac{D^2 f}{2}(x - a)^2) = 0$. Thus, L is trivial on the subspace of functions in C_a^∞ whose first derivatives are 0 at a . Let $\mathcal{M}_a \subset C_a^\infty$ be the subspace of functions which vanish at a , we see that L acts naturally on $\mathcal{M}_a/\mathcal{M}_a^2$ and the vector space of all the tangent vectors at a is naturally isomorphic to the dual $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{M}_a/\mathcal{M}_a^2, \mathbb{R})$. It is denoted by $T_a(M)$. Hence $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} T_a(M) = \dim R$.

If $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open set and $a \in U$, we define the tangent spaces $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1})_a, \dots, (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n})_a$ by $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i})_a(f) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(a)$ for $f \in C_a^\infty$. It is easy to verify that the n tangents $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i})_a$ are linearly independent, hence $T_a(U) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{R}(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i})_a$. Now let (U, φ) be a coordinate chart of $a \in M$. For any $f \in C_a^\infty$, define $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i})_a(f) = \frac{\partial(f \circ \varphi^{-1})}{\partial x_i}(\varphi(a))$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Here x_1, \dots, x_n are coordinates on $\varphi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Definition The dual $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(T_a(M), \mathbb{R})$ is called the space of differentials (or cotangent vectors, or co-vectors) at a . Clearly, if we define $(dx_i)_a \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(T_a(M), \mathbb{R})$ by $(dx_i)_a((\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j})_a) = \delta_{ij}$ then $(dx_1)_a, \dots, (dx_n)_a$ form a basis of the space of differentials at a , which we denote by $T_a^*(M)$. For any $f \in C_a^\infty(U)$, define $(df)_a$ by $(df)_a((\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j})_a) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(a)$. Here $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open set. More generally, if (U, φ) is a coordinate chart at a and $f \in C_a^\infty$, we define $(df)_a$ by $(df)_a((\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i})_a) = \frac{\partial(f \circ \varphi^{-1})}{\partial x_i}(\varphi(a))$.

Again, for a differentiable map $\gamma : (-1, 1) \rightarrow U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f \in C_a^\infty(U)$, define $X(f) = \frac{d}{dt}(f \circ \gamma(t))(0)$. Then $X(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(a) \cdot \frac{dx_i}{dt}$, where $\gamma(t) = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))$ and $a = \gamma(0)$. The vector $(\frac{dx_1}{dt}(0), \dots, \frac{dx_n}{dt}(0))$ is the tangent to the parametrized curve in U defined by γ . This illustrates the relation

between the intuitive idea of tangent to a curve and the abstract definition of a tangent vector at a . It is easy to see that given $X \in T_a(U)$, there is a parametrized curve $\gamma : (-1, 1) \rightarrow U$ such that the two meanings of $X(f)$ coincide for any $f \in C_a^\infty$.

§ 4.2. Tangent and cotangent maps.

Let V, W , be C^∞ manifolds of dimensions n and m respectively and $f : V \rightarrow W$ a C^∞ map. We define the maps. $f_* : T_a(V) \rightarrow T_{f(a)}(W)$ and $f^* : T_{f(a)}^*(W) \rightarrow T_a^*(V)$ by $f_*(X)(g) = X(g \circ f)$ and $(f^*(d\varphi))_a = (d(\varphi \circ f))_a$, where $g \in C_{f(a)}^\infty(W)$, $d\varphi \in T_{f(a)}^*(W)$ and $X \in T_a(V)$. It is easy to verify that if g has all the first derivatives 0 at $f(a)$ then $g \circ f$ has all the first derivatives 0 at a .

§4.3. Tangent and cotangent bundles

Let V be a C^∞ manifold of dimension n . Let $T(V) = \coprod_{a \in V} T_a(V)$ be the disjoint union of tangent spaces at points in V . We will indicate how $T(V)$ is itself a C^∞ manifold of dimension $2n$.

Let $\{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}$ be coordinate charts covering V . Suppose $a \in U_i \cap U_j$. Let (x_1, \dots, x_n) and (y_1, \dots, y_n) be coordinates on U_i, U_j respectively. Any tangent vector X at a has the form $X = \sum_1^n a_i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right)_a$ and $X = \sum_1^n b_j \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}\right)_a$. Using the transition function $U_i \cap U_j \rightarrow U_i \cap U_j$ let $y_j = h_j(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$. Now for any $f \in C_a^\infty$, $X(f) = \sum a_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \sum b_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j}$. Hence $\sum_i a_i \left\{ \sum_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \cdot \frac{\partial h_j}{\partial x_i} \right\} = \sum b_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j}$. This gives $\sum_i a_i \frac{\partial h_j}{\partial x_i} = b_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, i.e.

$$b_j = \sum_i a_i \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_i}. \text{ The vector } (b_1, \dots, b_n) = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_n} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now let E be the disjoint union $\coprod_i U_i \times \mathbb{R}^n$ and define the equivalence relation $((x_i), \nu) \sim ((y_j), w)$ if the point $(x_i) = (y_j) \in U_i \cap U_j$ and $(w_1, \dots, w_n) = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_n} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$

Let $\pi : E \rightarrow E/\sim$ be the natural map and $p' : E \rightarrow V$ be the continuous map $p'(x_i, \nu) \rightarrow (x_i)$. Then p' factors through E/\sim and defines a continuous map $p : E/\sim \rightarrow V$. E/\sim is called the tangent bundle of V . It is easy to show that E/\sim is Hausdorff. Clearly, $p^{-1}(U_i) \approx U_i \times \mathbb{R}^n$.

In a similar fashion, we can construct the *cotangent bundle* of V , denoted by $T^*(V)$ or $\Omega^1(V)$.

$T_a^*(V)$ is generated by $(dx_1)_a, \dots, (dx_n)_a$ in U_i and $(dy_1)_a, \dots, (dy_n)_a$. In $U_i \cap U_j$, we have $(dy_i)_a = \sum \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} (dx_j)_a$. This give patching diffeomorphism $(U_i \cap U_j) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (U_i \cap U_j) \times \mathbb{R}^n$ for $T^*(V)$. If we let $\wedge^p T^*(V) = \prod \wedge^p T_a^*(V)$ for $1 \leq p \leq n$ and give a natural structure of a C^∞ manifold in a similar manner, we get a manifold of dimension $n + \binom{n}{p}$. This can be called the bundle of differential p -forms.

§ 4.4. Vector fields and differential forms

Let $p : T(V) \rightarrow V$ be the natural projection. A C^∞ vector field X on V is a C^∞ map $X : V \rightarrow T(V)$ such that $p \circ X = \text{identity on } V$. On a coordinate chart (U, φ) ; $X_a = \sum h_i(a) (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i})_a$ for any $a \in U$, where $a \rightarrow h_i(a)$ are C^∞ function on U .

Similarly, a C^∞ map $w : V \rightarrow \wedge^p T^*(V)$ such that $w(a) \in \wedge^p T_a^*(V)$ for $a \in V$ is called a C^∞ p -form. Again on (U, φ) as above

$$w_a = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_p} h_{i_1 \dots i_p}(a) (dx_{i_1})_a \wedge \dots \wedge (dx_{i_p})_a,$$

where $h_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}$ are C^∞ functions on U .

Remark. $\wedge^p T_a^*(V)$ is the dual vector space of $\wedge^p T_a(V)$.

§4.5. Immersion and submersion

Given a C^∞ map $V \rightarrow W$ between C^∞ manifolds V, W respectively, we say that f has rank r at $a \in V$ if $\text{rank } f_* : T_a(V) \rightarrow T_{f(a)}(W)$ is r , i.e., the dimension of the image is r . Let $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in T_a(V)$ (i.e., $X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right)_a \in T_a(V)$), then $f_*(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$, where $b_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}(a)$. The rank of the map f_* is r if the matrix $\left(\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}(a)\right)$ has rank r . If f_* is 1 – 1 for each $a \in V$ the f is called an immersion and if f_* is surjective then f is called a submersion.

Remark If f is an immersion then $f(V)$ may not be a closed subset of W . But if f is proper then $f(V)$ is closed in W .

Suppose f is an immersion. Then by Rank Theorem, we can assume (after making local C^∞ diffeomorphisms in V and W) that $f_*(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0, \dots, 0)$.

§4.6. Sard's Theorem

Let $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open subsets and $f : U \rightarrow V$ a diffeomorphism. For any subset $S \subset U$ such that S has measure 0 the measure of $f(S)$ is also 0. Now let W be any C^∞ , second countable manifold. Then the notion of a measure 0 subset $S \subset W$ is well-defined.

Definition Let V, W be C^∞ manifolds of dimensions n, m respectively and $f : V \rightarrow W$ a C^∞ map. A point $a \in V$ is called a *critical point* for f if rank

f_* at $a < m$. If $f^{-1}(w)$ does not contain any critical point then w is called a *regular value*. Otherwise, w is called a *critical value*.

Now we come to a fundamental result in differential topology.

Sard's Theorem. Let $f : V \rightarrow W$ be a C^∞ map between second countable manifolds. Then the image under f of the set of critical points in V has measure 0 in W .

Proof Since image under a C^∞ diffeomorphism of a measure 0 subset of an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n again has measure 0, we need to consider only the following case. $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ is a C^∞ map with U open in \mathbb{R}^n and $p \geq 1$. Let C be the set of critical points; that is the set of all $x \in U$ with $\text{rank } df_x < p$. Then we must prove that $f(C)$ has measure 0 in \mathbb{R}^p . The set C is clearly closed. The proof is by induction on n . Let C_i denote the set of $x \in U$ such that all partial derivatives of f of order $\leq i$ vanish at x . Then $C \supset C_1 \supset C_2 \supset \dots$.

Step 1 $f(C - C_1)$ has measure 0.

Proof If $p = 1$ then $C = C_1$, hence we can assume that $p \geq 2$. We need the following consequence of Fubini's theorem.

Lemma 2. A measurable set $A \subset \mathbb{R}^p = \mathbb{R}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^{p-1}$ has measure 0 if its intersection with each hyperplane $\{r\} \times \mathbb{R}^{p-1}$ is a set of measure 0 in \mathbb{R}^{p-1} .

We will show that for any $x \in C - C_1$, there is an open neighbourhood $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $f(V \cap C)$ has measure 0. Since $C - C_1$ is covered by countably many of such neighbourhoods, $f(C - C_1)$ has measure 0.

Let $x \in C - C_1$. Suppose $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(x) \neq 0$. We can assume without loss of generality that in a suitable neighbourhood V of x , $f_1(x) = x_1$. Hence the map f has the form $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow (x_1, f_2, \dots, f_p)$. It follows that a point in $\{t\} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ is critical for f iff it is critical for the map $\bar{f}(x_2, \dots, x_n) =$

$(f_2(t, x_2, \dots, x_n), \dots, f_p)$. By induction on n , the set of critical values has measure 0 in $\{t\} \times \mathbb{R}^{p-1}$. Since C is closed, $f(C)$ is a countable union of compact subsets. Hence by Fubini's theorem $f(V \cap C)$ has measure 0.

Step 2 We will prove that for $i \geq 1$, $f(C_i - C_{i+1})$ has measure 0.

Let $x \in C_k - C_{k+1}$. We can assume that $\frac{\partial^{k+1} f_1}{\partial^{s_1} x_1 \partial^{s_2} x_2 \dots \partial^{s_n} x_n}(x) \neq 0$. Assume that $s_1 > 0$. The k th derivative $w(x) = \frac{\partial^k f_1}{\partial^{(s_1-1)} x_1 \dots \partial^{s_n} x_n}(x) = 0$ but $\frac{\partial^{k+1} f_1}{\partial^{s_1} x_1 \dots \partial^{s_n} x_n}(x) \neq 0$. The map $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \xrightarrow{h} (w, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is a diffeomorphism in an open neighbourhood V of x onto an open neighbourhood V' of 0 in \mathbb{R}^n . Consider $f \circ h^{-1} : V' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$. Using an argument similar to step 1 we see that $f(C_k - C_{k+1})$ has measure 0.

Step 3. For large k , $f(C_k)$ has measure 0. Assume that $k > \frac{n}{p-1}$. Let $I^n \subset U$ be a cube of edge δ .

By Taylor's theorem and definition of C_k , $f(x+h) = f(x) + R(x, h)$, where $\|R(x, h)\| \leq C \|h\|^{k+1}$ for $x \in C_k \cap I^n, x+h \in I^n$. The constant C depends only on f and I^n . For any integer r , divide I^n into r^n cubes of edge $\frac{\delta}{r}$. Suppose $x \in I_1$ where I_1 is a cube in the subdivision. Any $x+h \in I_1$ has $\|h\| \leq \sqrt{n}(\frac{\delta}{r})$. Now $f(I_1)$ lies in a cube of edge $\frac{a}{r^{k+1}}$ with center at $f(x)$, where $a = 2C \cdot (\sqrt{n}\delta)^{k+1}$. Then $f(C_k \cap I^n)$ is contained in at most r^n cubes of total volume $\leq r^n (\frac{a}{r^{k+1}})^p = a^p r^{n-(k+1)p}$. Since $k+1 > \frac{n}{p}$, as $r \rightarrow \infty$ this volume tends to 0. Hence $f(C_k \cap I^n)$ has measure 0.

This completes the proof of Sard's theorem.

Remark 1) H. Whitney has given an example of a function of class C^{n-m} on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with $n > m$ such that the set of critical values is \mathbb{R}^m .

2) If $m \leq n$, then the set of regular values of a C^∞ map $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is everywhere dense. Let $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be a regular value. Then either $f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$

or it is a differentiable submanifold of dimension $n - m$.

§ 4.7. Applications of Sard's Theorem

1) Existence of Morse Functions Let M be a C^∞ manifold of dimension m and let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a closed embedding for some $n > m$. For any point $p \in \mathbb{R}^n - M$, define the function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(q) = \|p - q\|^2$. Using Sard's Theorem we can show that for all points p outside a set of measure 0 the function f has only non-degenerate critical points, i.e., at any point $q \in M$, there are local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_m at q such that near q the matrix $(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(q))$ is non-singular, if all the partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(q) = 0$.

The condition that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(q) = 0$ for all i means q is a critical point of the distance function f defined on M . If $(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(q))$ is non-singular then q is called a *non-degenerate critical point*. It is clear that f is a proper map $M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The result just mentioned shows the existence of *Morse functions on M* .

2) Transversality Theorem Let P be a C^∞ -closed submanifold of a C^∞ manifold N . For any C^∞ manifold M a C^∞ map $g : M \rightarrow N$ is said to be transverse to P if whenever $p \in P \cap g(M)$ the tangent space $T_p(P)$ and $df(T_x(M))$ generate $T_p(N)$, where $p = g(x)$ for any $x \in f^{-1}(p)$.

Thom's transversality theorem says that for any C^∞ map $f : M \rightarrow N$, there is a C^∞ -homotopic map $g : M \rightarrow N$ which is arbitrarily close to f such that g is transverse to P .

The proof of this result depends on Sard's theorem. An application of Rank Theorem show that if g is transverse to P then $g^{-1}(P)$ is a C^∞ -submanifold of M of codimension same as the codimension of P in N .

In particular, if $\dim M + \dim P < \dim N$, then $g^{-1}(P) = \emptyset$. Now let $f : S^m \rightarrow S^n$ be a continuous map, where $m < n$. We can assume by

approximation that f is a C^∞ map. Taking $P = \{p\}$, we can deform f to a C^∞ map $g : S^m \rightarrow S^n - \{p\}$. Since $S^n - \{p\}$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n , we conclude that for $m < n$, $\pi_m(S^n) = (0)$.

3) Embedding in \mathbb{R}^n . Let M be a C^∞ manifold of dimension n . It is well-known that there is a closed embedding $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ for $N \gg 0$. If $N > 2n+1$, we can find a direction $l \in \mathbb{R}^N$ such that the orthogonal projection to l maps M diffeomorphically into \mathbb{R}^{N-1} . Continuing this way, we can embed $M \subset \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$. Further, we can show that any two embeddings of M in \mathbb{R}^{2n+2} are isotopic, i.e., there is a C^∞ map $F : M \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+2}$ such that for each $t \in I$, $F : M \times \{t\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+2}$ is an embedding and $F|_{M \times \{0\}}, F|_{M \times \{1\}}$ are given embeddings of M in \mathbb{R}^{2n+2} . This shows that any embedding $S^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{2n+2}$ is unknotted.

4) Tubular neighbourhoods. Let M be a compact C^∞ manifold with an embedding $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Define for $\epsilon > 0$ $N_\epsilon(M) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid d(y, M) \leq \epsilon\}$. Then for some $\epsilon > 0$, $N_\epsilon(M)$ is a smooth n -dimensional manifold in \mathbb{R}^n with C^∞ boundary $\partial N_\epsilon(M)$, with a fiber bundle map $N_\epsilon(M) \rightarrow M$ whose fibers are discs D_{n-m} of dimension $n - m$, where $m = \dim M$. Further, $\partial N_\epsilon(M) \rightarrow M$ is a C^∞ sphere bundle with fiber S^{n-m-1} .

The proof of this is similar to the proof of existence of Morse function given earlier.

§ 5. Integration on manifolds

§ 5.1. Exterior differentiation Let V be a C^∞ manifold. Let $A^p(V)$ denote the space of C^∞ differential p -forms on V . Hence $A^0(V)$ is the vector space of all C^∞ functions on V . Then there is a map $d : A^p(V) \rightarrow A^{p+1}(V)$ for each p such that

(1) d is \mathbb{R} -linear, i.e., $d(\alpha\omega_1 + \beta\omega_2) = \alpha d\omega_1 + \beta d\omega_2$ for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \wedge^p(V)$.

(2) For $p = 0$, $d(f)$ is the 1-form such that

$$d(f)_a = \text{the image of } f \text{ in } T_a^*(V).$$

(3) $d(d\omega) = 0$ for $\omega \in A^p(V)$ for any p .

(4) $d(\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2) = d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 + (-1)^p \omega_1 \wedge d\omega_2$ for any $\omega_1 \in A^p(V), \omega_2 \in A^q(V)$.

The map d is described in a coordinate chart (U, φ) as follows. Let x_1, \dots, x_n be local coordinates in U . Then $\omega = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} f_{i_1 \dots i_p} dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}$. Define $d\omega = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_p} d(f_{i_1 \dots i_p}) \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}$. Here $df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} dx_n$. Only the properties (3) and (4) need to be verified. This is left to the reader.

Proposition 2. Let V, W be C^∞ manifolds and $f : V \rightarrow W$ a C^∞ map. Then for any $p \geq 0$ and $\omega \in A^p(W)$, $d_{(V)} f^*(\omega) = f^*(d_{(W)} \omega)$.

Proof We assume that W is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^m . Now f^* is an algebra homomorphism of $\wedge T^*(W) \rightarrow \wedge T^*(V)$. Hence it suffices to prove the result when $p = 0$ or $p = 1$ and $\omega = dg, g \in C^\infty(W)$. If $p = 0$, then $\omega = g$ is a C^∞ function. By definition, $f^*((dg)_{f(a)}) = d(g \circ f)_a$.

If $\omega = dg$, where g is a function then

$$f^*(d(dg)) = 0 \text{ and } d[f^*(dg)] = d[d(g \circ f)] = 0.$$

§ 5.2. Orientation

Let V be a C^∞ manifold of dimension n . If \exists a $C^\infty n$ -form ω on V which is nowhere 0 on V then ω is called an *orientation* on V and V is said to be orientable.

Proposition 3. V is orientable iff there exists a system of coordinates (U_i, φ_i) with $\cup U_i = V$ such that the transition functions $\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1} |_{\varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)}$ have a positive jacobian determinant whenever $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$.

Proof Let ω be an orientation on V . For any $a \in V$ there is a coordinate chart (U_a, φ) at a such that $\omega = f(x)dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$ for $x \in U_a$ such that and $f(x) \neq 0$ in U_a . By interchanging x_1, x_2 we can assume that $f(x) > 0 \forall x \in U_a$.

If y_1, \dots, y_n are coordinates in an intersecting chart U_b , then in $U_a \cap U_b$, $\omega = \frac{f \cdot J(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{(y_1, \dots, y_n)} dy_1 \wedge dy_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge dy_n$. By assumption above, $fJ > 0 \forall p \in U_a \cap U_b$. It follows that $J > 0$ for all $p \in U_a \cap U_b$.

If $x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots, x_n^i$ are local coordinates in the coordinate chart (U_i, φ_i) such that in $U_i \cap U_j$ the determinant $|\frac{J(x^i)}{(x^j)}| > 0$. Then we say that the system of local coordinates x^i in V are *positively oriented*.

Conversely, suppose (U_i, φ_i) are coordinate charts such that the Jacobian determinants $\frac{J(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{(y_1, \dots, y_n)} > 0$ in $U_i \cap U_j$. Let $\{\psi_i\}$ be a partition of unity subordinate to $\{U_i\}$. Define $\omega_x = \sum_i \psi_i(x) dx_1^i \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n^i$, where x_1^i, \dots, x_n^i are local coordinates on U_i .

Then ω_x is C^∞ and > 0 for any x and hence an orientation of V .

§ 5.3. The double cover

Consider the C^∞ bundle $\wedge^n T^*(V)$ and $E = \{\xi \in \wedge^n T^*(V) / \xi \neq 0\}$. Define $p(\xi) = a$ if $\xi \in \wedge^n T_a^*(V)$. Define an equivalence relation in E by $\xi_1 \sim \xi_2$ if $p(\xi_1) = p(\xi_2)$ and $\xi_1 = \lambda \cdot \xi_2$ for some $\lambda > 0$. Let $\tilde{V} = E / \sim$.

Proposition 4. \tilde{V} is Hausdorff and $\tilde{V} \rightarrow V$ is a covering of degree 2.

Proof The equivalence relation is open and the graph of the equivalence relation in $E \times E$ is closed. Hence \tilde{V} is Hausdorff.

Let (U, φ) be a coordinate chart and $a \in U$. Define ξ, η by $\xi_x = dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n, \eta_x = -dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$.

Now $p^{-1}(U) = (\cup_{x \in U} \bar{\xi}_x) \cup (\cup_{x \in U} \bar{\eta}_x)$, hence \tilde{V} is a covering of degree 2.

Corollary 1 If V is connected then V is orientable if and only if \tilde{V} is not connected.

Proof Suppose V is connected and orientable. Let ω be an orientation. Then $\cup_{x \in V} \bar{\omega}_x$ is a non-empty open and closed subset of \tilde{V} so that \tilde{V} is not connected.

Suppose V is connected and \tilde{V} is not connected. Let $\bar{\xi}_a \in \tilde{V}$ and U_a the connected component of $\bar{\xi}_a$ in \tilde{V} . Now $p : U_a \rightarrow V$ is a covering and it is a homeomorphism since $\tilde{V} \rightarrow V$ is a covering of degree 2. It follows that there is a section $s : V \rightarrow \tilde{V}$ whose image lies in one of the connected components of \tilde{V} and this gives a nowhere vanishing $C^\infty n$ -form on V . Thus V is orientable.

Corollary 2 If V is simply connected then it is orientable.

Remark \tilde{V} is always orientable.

The pull back of the bundle $\wedge^n T^*(V) \rightarrow V$ to \tilde{V} has a nowhere vanishing C^∞ section and the pull back bundle is nothing but $\wedge^n T^*(\tilde{V})$ (this is because the pull back of $\wedge^n T^*(V) \rightarrow V$ to E has a nowhere vanishing section).

§ 5.4. Manifolds with boundary

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

Let V be a Hausdorff topological space such that V has an open cover $\{U_i\}$ with homeomorphism $\varphi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^n$, onto an open subset of \mathbb{R}_+^n , such

that whenever $U_i \cap U_j \neq \phi$, the map $\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1}/\varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$ is a C^∞ map of $\varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$ as a subset of \mathbb{R}_+^n . Then V is called a C^∞ manifold with boundary.

For a real valued function on \mathbb{R}_+^n , we define $\frac{df}{\partial x_i}$ for $i < n$ in the same way as for a function on \mathbb{R}^n and $\frac{df}{\partial x_n} |_a = \lim_{h \rightarrow +0} \frac{f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n+h) - f(a_1, \dots, a_n)}{h}$.

For a C^∞ manifold with boundary, C^∞ functions, tangent vectors, $T_a(V)$, differential forms etc. are defined in the same way as for a C^∞ manifold. Orientation is also defined in an analogous way.

We will assume that a C^∞ manifold with boundary is second countable.

In local coordinates (U, φ) , $\varphi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$ and $\varphi(a) = 0$, the set $\partial V = \{x \in V/x_n = 0\}$ is called the boundary of V . It is easy to see that ∂V is a C^∞ manifold of dimension $n - 1$.

For a point $a \in \partial V$, a cube Q associated to a coordinate chart (U, φ) has the property that

$\varphi(Q \cap \partial V) = \{(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n / -1 \leq x_i \leq 1 \text{ for } i < n \text{ and } x_n = 0\}$. The interior Q° is defined in this case as $\varphi^{-1}\{(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n / -1 < x_i < 1 \text{ for } i \leq n-1 \text{ and } 0 \leq x_n < 1\}$. Hence in this case the interior of Q has a different meaning than for a cube contained in $V - \partial V$.

§ 5.5. Integration

Recall that a subset $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ has (n -dimensional) *Jordan content zero*, $C(A) = 0$, if for any $\epsilon > 0$ there is a finite collection of cubes C_1, \dots, C_ℓ which cover A and whose total volume is less than ϵ . It is easy to see that if A is compact then $C(A) = 0$ iff A has Lebesgue measure zero.

Definition A bounded subset $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be a domain of integration if the boundary $\overline{D} - D^\circ$ has content zero.

A function f on \mathbb{R}^n is *almost continuous* if the set of points at which f is not continuous has content zero.

Lemma 3. Given a domain D of integration in \mathbb{R}^n and f a real valued, bounded, almost continuous function on D , the Riemann integral $\int_D f dx_1 dx_2 \cdots dx_n$ exists.

A function f as in the above lemma is said to be *integrable* on D .

Recall the following result on change of variables in integration.

Proposition 5. let $\varphi : U \rightarrow U'$ be a diffeomorphism of a domain of integration $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ onto a domain of integration $U' \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and let $J(\varphi)$ denote the Jacobian determinant of φ . Let f' be integrable on U' . Then $f := f' \circ \varphi$ is integrable on U and $\int_{U'} f' dy_1 \cdots dy_n = \int_U f'(\varphi(x)) |J(\varphi)| dx_1 \cdots dx_n$.

Using an argument similar to the proof of Sard's Theorem, we see easily the following.

Lemma 4. If $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a relatively compact subset of content zero and $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ a C^∞ map, where U is an open neighbourhood of A and $n \leq m$. The $\varphi(A)$ has content zero.

This result will enable us to extend the notion of content zero to C^∞ manifolds in an obvious manner.

Now let V be a C^∞ manifold, (U, φ) a coordinate chart. We assume that V is orientable and ω a nowhere vanishing n -form on V . We call ω a *volume form* on V . In U , $\omega = f dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$, where f is a C^∞ function on U and $f(x) \neq 0$ for any $x \in U$. Let $\eta = g dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$ be any C^∞ form on M whose support is compact and contained in U . Then $\eta = h \cdot \omega$, where h is a nowhere zero C^∞ function on V . Define

$$\int_V \eta = \int_U g dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n = \int_U h \cdot \omega.$$

If (U', φ') is another coordinate chart containing the support of η , then $\text{supp } \eta \subset U \cap U'$. Recall the change of variables formula for integration:

$$\int_U g(x) dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \cdots dx_n = \int_{U'} g \left| \frac{J(x)}{(y)} \right| dy_1 \wedge \cdots dy_n.$$

But $\frac{J(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{(y_1, \dots, y_n)} > 0$ since V is orientable. Hence $\int_V \eta$ is well-defined.

Now let η be an arbitrary C^∞ n -form on V . Let $\{U_i, \varphi_i\}$ be a cover of V by coordinate charts such that the Jacobian determinants $\frac{J(x)}{(y)} > 0$ for any two overlapping U_i, U_j . Let $\{\psi_i\}$ be a partition of unity subordinate to $\{U_i\}$. We can suppose that $\text{supp } \psi_i$ is compact and contained in U_i and $\sum \psi_j = 1$. Now $\eta\psi_j$ are C^∞ forms defined on whole of V and support $\eta \cdot \psi_j \subset U_j$ is compact.

Define $\int_V \eta = \sum_j \int_{U_j} \eta\psi_j$.

This is independent of the choice of the partition of unity. For, let $\{h_j\}$ be another partition of unity subordinate to $\{U_j\}$. Now $\psi_j = \sum_\ell \psi_j h_\ell$ and support $\psi_j h_\ell \subset \text{support } \psi_j \cap \text{support } h_\ell$.

$\int_V \psi_j \eta = \sum_\ell \int_V \psi_j h_\ell \eta$ and hence

$$\sum_j \int_V \psi_j \eta = \sum_\ell \int_V \sum_j \psi_j h_\ell \eta = \sum_\ell \int_V h_\ell \eta.$$

Lemma 5. Let $(V, \partial V)$ be a C^∞ manifold with boundary. If V is orientable then ∂V is orientable.

Proof We only need to check the following.

Let $p \in \partial V$ and $(U, \varphi), (U', \psi)$ coordinate charts near p . Let x_1, \dots, x_n be coordinates in U and y_1, \dots, y_n in U' . In U , ∂V is defined by $x_n = 0$ and in U' by $y_n = 0$. Thinking of y_1, \dots, y_n as functions of x_1, \dots, x_n in $U \cap U'$, $y_n = x_n(a_0 + g(x_1, \dots, x_n))$, where a_0 is a non-zero constant and $g(0, \dots, 0) = 0$. It follows that $\frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_j}(p) = 0$ for $j < n$. The determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_n} \end{vmatrix} (p) > 0$$

since V is orientable. The functions x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} restricted to $U \cap \partial V$ and

y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1} restricted to $U' \cap \partial V$ define local coordinates on ∂V near p .

It follows that $\frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_n}(p) \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_{n-1}}{\partial x_{n-1}} \\ \vdots & & \\ \frac{\partial y_{n-1}}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_{n-1}}{\partial x_{n-1}} \end{vmatrix} (p) > 0$.

For points on $V - \partial V$ near p , $x_n > 0$ and $y_n > 0$. This implies that $a_0 > 0$ and hence $\frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_n}(p) > 0$. Hence the determinant

$$\left| \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} \right|_{\substack{i < n \\ j < n}} (p) > 0.$$

Thus $(U \cap \partial V, \varphi)$ give coordinate charts on ∂V such that the transition functions have Jacobian determinant > 0 . Hence ∂V is orientable. Namely, if (x^i) are positively oriented local coordinates in U_i for each i such that $\{x_n^i = 0\}$ defines $\partial V \cap U_i$ then $x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots, x_{n-1}^i$ give positively oriented local coordinates in the covering $\partial V \cap U_i$ of ∂ . As in the proof of Proposition 3 in §5.2 this gives an orientation on ∂V .

§ 5.6. Stoke's Theorem

Let $(V, \partial V)$ be a compact oriented manifold with boundary of dimension n . By a cube Q in V we mean the following. If $Q \subset V - \partial V$, Q is contained in a coordinate chart (U, φ) and $Q = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid -1 \leq x_i \leq 1 \forall i\}$. If $Q \cap \partial V \neq \emptyset$, then \exists a coordinate chart (U, φ) containing Q such that $Q = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid 0 \leq x_i \leq 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, -1 \leq x_n \leq 1\}$ and $Q \cap \partial V = \{(x) \in Q \mid x_n = 0\}$.

The interior Q° of Q is defined as follows. If $Q \subset V - \partial V$ then $Q^\circ = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid -1 < x_i < 1 \text{ for all } i\}$. If $Q \cap \partial V \neq \emptyset$ then $Q^\circ = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid -1 < x_i < 1 \text{ for } i < n, 0 \leq x_n < 1\}$.

We orient ∂V as follows. If n is even, let ∂V have the induced orientation and where n is odd let ∂V have the opposite orientation as that induced by the orientation of V .

Stoke's Theorem Let ω be an $(n-1)$ -form of class C^∞ on V . Let ∂V be oriented as above. Then we have

$$\int_V d\omega = \int_{\partial V} \omega|_{\partial}.$$

In particular, if $\partial V = \phi$ then $\int_V d\omega = 0$.

Proof We can assume that ω has support contained in the interior Q° of a cube $Q \subset (U, \varphi)$. Write

$$\omega = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j-1} \lambda_j dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{j-1} \wedge dx_{j+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n.$$

Now $d\omega = (\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial x_j}) dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_V d\omega &= \int_Q \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial x_j} \right) dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n = \sum_j \int_{-1}^1 \cdots \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial x_j} dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n = \int_{-1}^1 \cdots \int_{-1}^1 \\ &[\lambda_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, 1, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n) - \lambda_j(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, -1, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n)] dx_1 \cdots \widehat{dx}_j \cdots dx_n. \end{aligned}$$

Case 1 $Q \cap \partial V = \phi$.

Since $\text{supp } \omega \subset Q^\circ$, $\lambda_j(x) = 0$ if $x_j = -1$ or 1 . Hence each integrand above vanishes and $\int_V d\omega = 0$. Since $\omega|_{\partial V} = 0$ also, $\int_{\partial V} \omega = 0$ and Stoke's theorem is proved in this case.

Case 2. $Q \cap \partial V \neq \phi$. Now $Q^\circ = \{(x) \mid -1 < x_i < 1 \text{ for } i \leq n-1 \text{ and } 0 \leq x_n < 1\}$. In this case all the integrands in the summation are zero except the one corresponding to $j = n$. Hence

$$\int_V d\omega = - \int_{-1}^1 \cdots \int_{-1}^1 \lambda_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0) dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{n-1}.$$

Now $\omega|_{\partial V} = (-1)^{n-1} \int_{-1}^1 \cdots \int_{-1}^1 \lambda_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0) dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{n-1}$. Using the convention about induced orientation on ∂M , we get the required result.

Special cases of Stoke's Theorem.

1) Green's theorem Let $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a compact manifold with boundary a union of simple closed curves.

If ω is a C^∞ 1-form on V , then using the natural coordinates x, y on \mathbb{R}^2 , $\omega = adx + bdy$. Here a, b are restrictions of C^∞ functions on some open set containing V . Now $d\omega = (\frac{\partial b}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial a}{\partial y})dx \wedge dy$. By Stoke's theorem, $\int_V (\frac{\partial b}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial a}{\partial y})dx \wedge dy = \int_{\partial V} adx + bdy$.

For the integral on the right hand side, the orientation on ∂V is such that as we traverse the boundary, the region V is on the left. Hence the integral on the right is the line integral along the curve ∂V . This is the Green's Theorem.

2 Divergence theorem. Let $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be a compact 3-manifold with boundary a union of C^∞ surfaces. Let $\omega = Pdy \wedge dz + Qdz \wedge dx + Rdx \wedge dy$ be a 2-form on V , where P, Q, R are C^∞ functions on some open set containing V . Now $d\omega = (\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z})dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$. By Stoke's theorem,

$$\int_V (\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z})dx \wedge dy \wedge dz = \int_{-\partial V} Pdy \wedge dz + Qdz \wedge dx + Rdx \wedge dy.$$

This is the divergence theorem.

3) Curl Let V be a C^∞ surface in \mathbb{R}^3 with boundary a union of simple closed curves. Any 1-form on V is of the form $\omega = Adx + Bdy + Cdz$, where A, B, C are C^∞ functions on V . Stoke's theorem asserts that

$$\int_V (\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial z})dy \wedge dz + (\frac{\partial B}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial y})dx \wedge dy + (\frac{\partial A}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial C}{\partial x})dz \wedge dx = \int_{\partial V} Adx + Bdy + Cdz.$$

The integrals on the left-hand side can be converted to surface integrals over V .

Remark The function $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z}$ is called the *divergence* of the vector field (P, Q, R) on V° . Similarly the vector $(\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial y})$ is called the *curl* of the vector field (A, B, C) .

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