

# Differential Geometry

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# 1 Introduction: curves and surfaces

Riemannian Geometry is a subset of Differential Geometry

A *Riemannian manifold* is a *smooth manifold* endowed with a notion of *(infinitesimal) arclength*  $\rightarrow$  *Riemannian metric*:  $g = g_{ij}(x)dx^i dx^j$

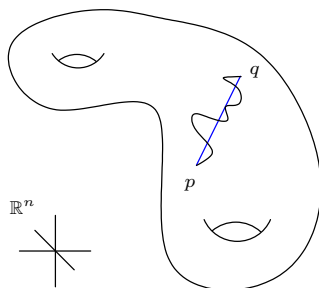


Figure 1: A Riemannian manifold is endowed with a notion of infinitesimal arclength, thus a shortest path (a *geodesic*) can be defined between two points on the manifold.

## Curvature

extrinsic curvature $M^k \subset \mathbb{R}^n$	intrinsic curvature
how $M$ curves inside $\mathbb{R}^n$	how $M$ curves "inside itself"

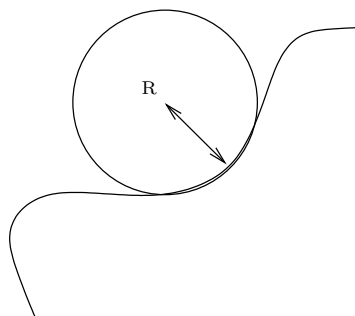


Figure 2: The radius of curvature is the radius of the circle which most closely approximates the curve at a given point.

## Doing calculus on the manifold

$$D_i f, \quad D_i D_j X^k \neq D_j D_i X^k, \quad X \text{ a vector field}$$

Derivatives can't be commuted arbitrarily

$$D_i D_j X^k = D_j D_i X^k + R_{ij\ell}^k X^\ell$$

where  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor.

## 1.1 Curves in Space

Basic notation:

$$\mathbb{R}^n, x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$$

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

$$|x|_{\mathbb{R}^n} := \langle x, x \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

A *regular curve* is a smooth (= infinitely differentiable =  $C^\infty$ ) function

$$\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n,$$

such that  $\frac{d\gamma}{dt} \neq 0 \forall t$

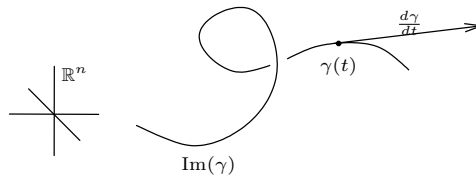


Figure 3: A regular curve and its velocity vector (derivative).

**Example** of a non regular curve:

$$t \mapsto (t^2, t^3) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

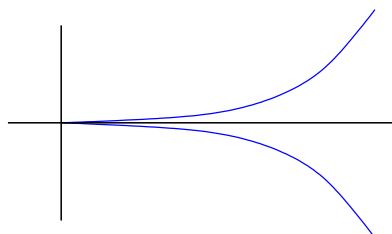


Figure 4: A curve whose derivative vanishes at 0 and is thus not regular.

## Arclength

$$s(t) := \int_{t_0}^t \left| \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right| dt$$

Reparameterize by arclength, get

$$\gamma = \gamma(s), \left| \frac{d\gamma}{ds} \right| = 1$$

## Unit Tangent Vector

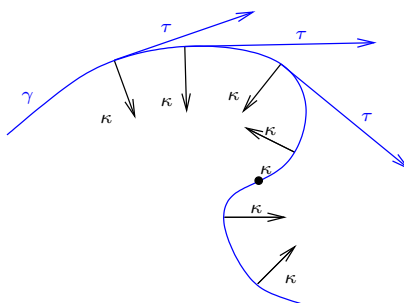


Figure 5: A curve parametrized by arclength always has a tangent vector of unit length.

$$\tau(s) := \frac{d\gamma}{ds} = \frac{d\gamma/dt}{|d\gamma/dt|}$$

**Definition** the curvature vector  $\kappa$  of  $\gamma$  at  $s$  is

$$\kappa(s) := \frac{d\tau}{ds} = \frac{d^2\gamma}{ds^2} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

**Proposition 1.1**  $\kappa \perp \tau$

**Proof**

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tau, \tau \rangle &= 1 \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{ds} \langle \tau, \tau \rangle = 2 \left\langle \frac{d\tau}{ds}, \tau \right\rangle = 2 \langle \kappa, \tau \rangle \end{aligned}$$

□

Exercise: Show for  $\gamma(t)$  (not necessarily parametrized by arclength)

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{|\gamma_t|^2} \left( \gamma_{tt} - \left\langle \gamma_{tt}, \frac{\gamma_t}{|\gamma_t|} \right\rangle \frac{\gamma_t}{|\gamma_t|} \right)$$

## Curves in $\mathbb{R}^2$

$\kappa$  reduces to a number  $k$ . Define  $k$  by  $\kappa = kN$  (*curvature as a scalar*)

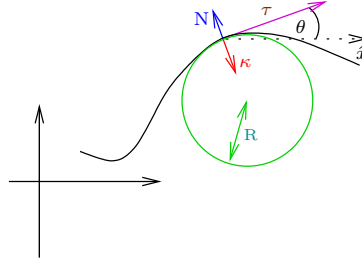


Figure 6: For curves in the plane curvature reduces to a number  $k$ .

We can show:

$$\begin{aligned}
 k &= \frac{1}{R} & R &:= \text{radius of curvature, i.e. radius of osculating circle} \\
 &= \frac{d\theta}{ds} & \theta &:= \text{angle between } \tau \text{ and x-axis} \\
 &= \frac{u_{xx}}{(1 + u_x^2)^{3/2}} & \text{If we write } \gamma &\text{ as } y = u(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

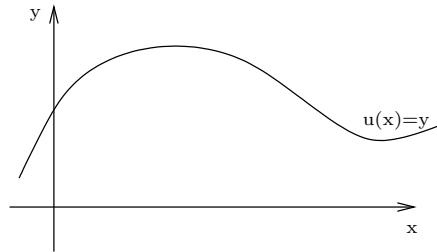


Figure 7: The curve  $\gamma$  defined as a graph  $y = u(x)$ .

**Theorem 1.2**  $k(s)$  determines  $\gamma$  up to a rigid motion of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (to make the starting point  $\gamma(0)$  and starting direction  $\gamma_s(0)$  coincide, see figure 8).

## Curves in $\mathbb{R}^3$

If  $\kappa \neq 0 \forall t$  we call  $\gamma$  an *ordinary curve* and define

$$\begin{aligned}
 N &:= \frac{\kappa}{|\kappa|} & \text{normal } (\perp \tau) \\
 k &:= |\kappa| & \text{curvature scalar (note } k > 0) \\
 B &:= \tau \times N & \text{binormal}
 \end{aligned}$$

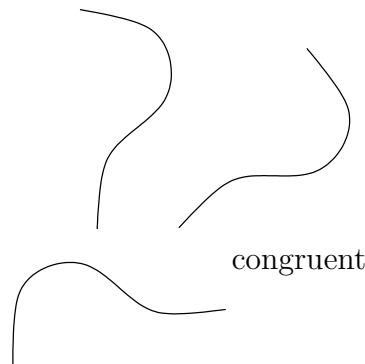


Figure 8: Congruent lines which differ only by rigid motion.

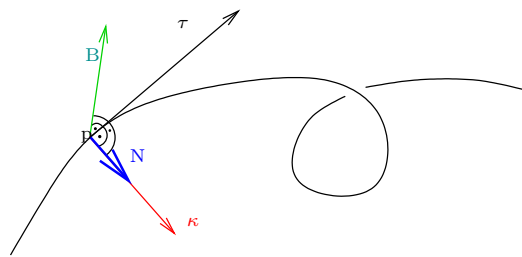


Figure 9: In 3 dimensions  $\kappa$  can move more freely, so a skalar is no longer enough to describe it.

$(\tau, N, B)$  orthonormal basis along  $\gamma$ , called a *moving frame*

**Definition**

*Torsion vector:*

$$\lambda := \left\langle \frac{dN}{ds}, B \right\rangle B \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

*torsion scalar:*

$$\ell := \left\langle \frac{dN}{ds}, B \right\rangle \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\lambda$  is the measure of that portion of the change of  $N$  that occurs within the 2-dimensional normal plane spanned by  $N, B$  (That is captured by  $\kappa$  and not that part due to the turning of the normal plane itself).

$k(t)$  is a "2nd derivative of  $\gamma$ " and  $\ell$  is a "3rd derivative"

Exercise

- i. Compute  $k, \ell$  at  $t = 0$  for  $t \rightarrow (t, at^2, bt^3)$
- ii. If the torsion  $\ell \equiv 0$ , show  $\gamma$  lies in a plane.



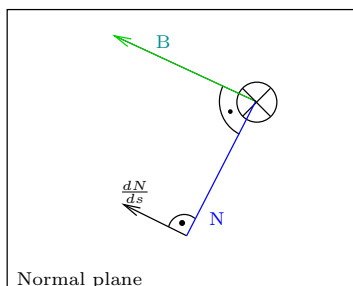


Figure 10: Torsion

iii. If  $k$  and  $\ell$  are constant along  $\gamma$ , prove  $\gamma$  is a helix.

iv. \* Prove theorem 1.3.

**Theorem 1.3** Any given smooth functions  $k(s) > 0$ , and  $\ell(s)$  of arclength determine  $\gamma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  uniquely, up to a rigid motion (isometry) of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

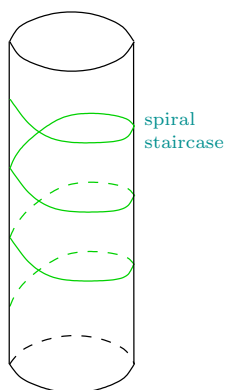


Figure 11: A curve of constant torsion and curvature is a helix (spiral staircase).

### Some Global Theorems

local (infinitesimal)	$\longleftrightarrow$	global
curvature measures local geometry		integral quantities topology

$\gamma$  is called *simple* (or *embedded*) if  $\gamma$  has no self intersections

$\gamma$  is called closed if  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b)$

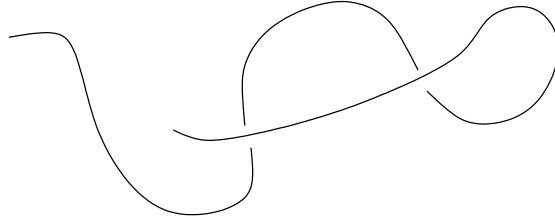


Figure 12: A curve with self intersections, which is therefore not simple.

**Theorem 1.4**  $\gamma$  closed curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then:

- i.  $\int_{\gamma} k ds = 2\pi n \quad \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- ii. If  $\gamma$  is simple, then  $n = \pm 1$

**Proof** i.

$$\int_{\gamma} k ds = \int_a^b k ds = \int_a^b \frac{d\theta}{ds} ds = \theta(b) - \theta(a) \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$$

$\theta$  is well defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ , with

$$\theta(s) = \theta(s + b - a) + 2\pi n \quad \exists n$$

□

**Theorem 1.5**  $\gamma$  closed curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then

- i. 
$$\int_{\gamma} |\kappa| ds \geq 2\pi$$

ii. (Milnor) If  $\gamma$  is knotted then

$$\int_{\gamma} |\kappa| ds \geq 4\pi$$

This yields a relation between global integrals and global topology.

## 1.2 The Geometry of Surfaces in $\mathbb{R}^3$

$T_p M$  is the *tangent space* of vectors tangent to  $M$  at  $p$  and  $N \equiv N(p)$  is a unit normal to  $M$  at  $p$

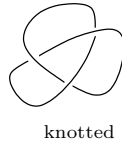


Figure 13: A *knotted* curve which *cannot* be deformed to the standard circle without developing self intersections.



Figure 14: an *unknotted* curve which can be deformed to standard circle without developing self-intersections

### 1.2.1 (Extrinsic) Curvature

$\kappa$  is the curvature vector of  $\gamma$

$$\kappa = kN \quad \exists k \in \mathbb{R}$$

*Compute k:* Choose orthonormal coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that

$$p = (0, 0, 0)$$

$T_p M = xy$ -plane (i.e.  $M$  is tangent to the  $xy$ -plane at  $p$ )

$N = (0, 0, 1)$  (i.e.  $N$  points in the positive  $z$ -direction)

**Note** Then  $M$  is the graph (locally) of some function  $z = f(x, y)$  such that

$$f(0, 0) = 0, \quad \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{0,0} = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{0,0} = 0$$

$P$  is spanned by  $N, v$  where  $v$  is some unit vector in the  $xy$ -plane,  $v = (v^1, v^2, 0)$ .

**Claim** The curvature of  $\gamma$  is

$$k = (v^1 \ v^2) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(p) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(p) \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(p) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(p) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v^1 \\ v^2 \end{pmatrix} = v^T D^2 f(p) v$$

with  $D^2 f(p)$  being the Hessian of  $f$  at  $p$

**Proof** Give  $P$  orthogonal coordinates  $(u, z)$ . In these coordinates,  $\gamma$  is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} z &= g(u) := f(uv^1, uv^2) \\ g(0) &= g_u(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$k(0) = \left. \frac{g_{uu}}{(1 + g_u^2)^{3/2}} \right|_0 = g_{uu}(0)$$

Use chain rule on  $g = f \circ (u \mapsto (uv^1, uv^2))$ .

□

The bilinear form  $(D^2f)_p$  is called the *second fundamental form* or *extrinsic curvature tensor* of  $M$  at  $p$ . Written:

$$A(p) \text{ (or } II(p)) : T_pM \times T_pM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

**Warning** The Hessian formula for  $A(p)$  is valid only when

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{0,0} = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{0,0} = 0$$

### Exercise

Suppose  $M$  is given as a graph  $z = f(x, y)$ . Find a formula for  $A(p)$  with respect to the coordinates on  $T_pM$  given by  $x, y$ .

Find an analogous formula for the case of a parametrized surface

$$\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \supset U \rightarrow V \subseteq M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

$U, V$  open,  $\phi$  smooth with injective differential.

We can rotate the  $xy$ -plane so that  $A(p)$  becomes diagonal:

$$A(p) = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$k_1$  and  $k_2$  really capture the geometry of the surface

**Definition**  $k_1, k_2$ : *principal curvatures* of  $M$  at  $p$

$$\begin{aligned} H &:= k_1 + k_2 : \text{ mean curvature of } M \text{ at } p \\ K &:= k_1 k_2 = \det A : \text{ Gauss curvature of } M \text{ at } p \end{aligned}$$

## Examples

Sphere of radius  $R$  has

$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= k_2 = \frac{1}{R} \\K &= \frac{1}{R^2} \\H &= \frac{2}{R}\end{aligned}$$

Cylinder of radius  $R$  has eigenvectors  $e_1, e_2$ , where  $e_1$  points along the cylinders' axis and  $e_2$  is tangent to the circle that goes around the cylinder, and eigenvalues  $k_1 = 0, k_2 = \frac{1}{R}$

$$H = \frac{1}{R}, K = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{R} = 0$$

Catenoid  $C$ :

It is the rotation of curve  $\gamma : y = \cosh x$  around the  $x$ -axis. Let  $e_1$  be tangent to  $\gamma$  and  $e_2$  tangent to a circle of rotation.

The eigenspaces of  $A$  are preserved by the reflections  $R_Q$  across planes  $Q \supseteq x$ -axis. Thus the eigenvectors of  $A$  must be  $e_1, e_2$  (since these are the only directions preserved by  $R_Q$ ). So evidently  $k_1 > 0 > k_2$  if  $N$  is outward.

Compute  $k_1 = A(e_1, e_1) =$  curvature of  $\gamma$ , the graph of  $g(x) = \cosh x$

$$k_1 = \frac{g_{xx}}{(1 + g_x^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\cosh x}{\cosh^3 x} = \frac{1}{\cosh^2 x}$$

**Exercise** Compute that  $k_2 = -\frac{1}{\cosh^2 x}$ . Then

$$H = \frac{1}{\cosh^2 x} - \frac{1}{\cosh^2 x} = 0$$

We call a surface of equal and opposite curvatures *minimal surface*

**Exercise** (Helicoid)

Let  $L_1$  be a vertical line and let  $L_2$  be a line normal to  $L_1$ . Move  $L_2$  upward at constant speed while rotating slowly about the point of intersection with  $L_1$ .

Prove  $H = 0$ , compute  $K$

### 1.2.2 Intrinsic Geometry

Let  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &: [a, b] \rightarrow M \\ \gamma(a) &= p, \quad \gamma(b) = q\end{aligned}$$

Length:

$$L(\gamma) := \int_a^b \langle \dot{\gamma}(t), \dot{\gamma}(t) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3}^{1/2} dt$$

**Intrinsic distance in  $M$**

$$d_M(p, q) := \inf \{ L(\gamma) \mid \gamma(a) = p, \gamma(b) = q \}$$

$(M, d_M)$  metric space (please verify)

**Geodesic:**

a curve that *locally* minimizes length (and therefore: *realizes* distance)

**Example** Sphere: an arc of a great circle minimizes length if it has length less than  $\pi R$ , but is a geodesic even if it is longer.

**Riemannian metric of  $M$**

Restrict  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3}$  to  $T_p M$ :

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_{M,p} := \langle X, Y \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3} \quad Y, X \in T_p M$$

Write  $g(p) \equiv \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{M,p} : T_p M \times T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , a positive definite symmetric bilinear form that determines  $L(\cdot)$  and  $d_M(\cdot, \cdot)$

**Definition** A property of  $M$  is *intrinsic* if it depends only on  $g$ .

**Isometries**

A bijection  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is called an *isometry* if it preserves the metric, i.e.

$$d_M(p, q) = d_N(\tilde{p}, \tilde{q}) \quad , \text{ where } \phi(p) = \tilde{p}, \phi(q) = \tilde{q},$$

or

$$g_M(p)(X, Y) = g_N(\tilde{p})(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) \quad , \text{ where } \phi \text{ takes } X \text{ to } \tilde{X} \text{ and } Y \text{ to } \tilde{Y}.$$

(infinitesimal version)

**Definition** A property (quantity, tensor, structure, etc) is called *intrinsic* if it is preserved by isometries.

**Example** The rolling map from the flat plane to the cylinder is a *local* isometry (i.e. each point has a neighborhood  $U$  such that  $\phi|_U : U \rightarrow \phi(U)$  is an isometry).

We see from the example that

$k_1, k_2$  are *not* intrinsic

$H(= k_1 + k_2)$  is *not* intrinsic

**Example** Cone: Also locally isometric to the plane.

**Definition** A *developable surface* is a surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that is local isometric to a plane.

**Example** ping-pong ball (hemisphere): it can be deformed in space in such a way that it remains isometric to the original hemisphere (the material does not stretch!).

**Exercise** Show that the catenoid and helicoid are locally isometric!

### A local theorem

**Theorem 1.6** (Theorema Egregium)  $K$  (the Gauss curvature) is *intrinsic*!

There is an intrinsic characterization of  $K$ :

$$A(r) = \pi r^2 - \frac{\pi}{12} K r^4 + \dots$$

where  $A(r)$  is the area of disk of intrinsic radius  $r$  about  $p$ .

**Example** In  $S^2$ ,  $A(r) = 2\pi(1 - \cos r)$ . The area is slightly smaller than expected when  $K$  is positive.

### Global Theorems

Recall topological classification of *closed* (compact without boundary), *orientable* (abstract) surfaces:

## Euler characteristic $\chi$

**Theorem 1.7** *Let  $M$  be a closed surface. The Euler characteristic*

$$\chi(M) := \underbrace{\# \text{ faces}}_{2\text{-simplices}} - \underbrace{\# \text{ edges}}_{1\text{-simplices}} + \underbrace{\# \text{ vertices}}_{0\text{-simplices}}$$

*is independent of the choice of triangulation.*

**Definition**  $n$ -simplex :=  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \geq 0, x_1 + \dots + x_n \leq 1\}$

**Theorem 1.8** (Gauss-Bonnet Theorem)

*Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact surface without boundary with Riemannian metric  $g$ . Then*

$$\underbrace{\int_M K dA}_{\text{curvature integral quantitative, geometric}} = \underbrace{2\pi\chi(M)}_{\text{topological invariant, qualitative}} \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$$

**Theorem 1.9** (Uniformization Theorem)

*$M$  compact surface without boundary. Then  $M$  possesses a metric  $g$  of constant Gauss curvature:*

$$K \equiv \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } \chi > 0 & S^2 \\ 0 & \text{iff } \chi = 0 & T^2 \\ -1 & \text{iff } \chi < 0 & \text{surfaces with 2 or more holes} \end{cases}$$

## Higher dimensions (preview)

$(M^n, g)$  Riemannian manifold

$g_p$ : inner product on each  $T_p M$

How to define curvature without reference to extrinsic geometry?

Fact:

Given  $p \in M, X \in T_p M$  there always exists a geodesic (locally length minimizing curve) with initial velocity  $\frac{d\gamma}{dt}(0) = X$ .

Fix  $p \in M$ .

Fix a 2-space  $P \subseteq T_p M$ . Let  $Q$  be the surface swept out by the geodesics  $\gamma_X$  with initial velocity  $X$ , where  $X$  ranges over unit vectors in  $P$ .

Define:  $K(P) = K_p(P) :=$  Gauss curvature of  $Q$  at  $p$  (called *sectional curvature in planardirection  $P$* )

$$K_p : \{2\text{-planes in } T_p M\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Clearly  $K_p$  is intrinsic.



**Theorem 1.10** Cartan's Theorem: *If  $K$  is constant then  $M$  is locally isometric to either*

$$\begin{aligned} S^n : \quad K &\equiv c > 0 \\ \mathbb{R}^n : \quad K &\equiv 0 \\ \mathbb{H}^n : \quad K &\equiv -c < 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{H}^n$  is hyperbolic space.

**Theorem 1.11 (Hadamard's Theorem)** *If  $K \leq -c < 0$  (and complete) then the universal cover of  $M$  is topologically equivalent to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

**Note** If  $M$  is compact it follows that  $\pi_1(M)$  is infinite.

**Note** • Negative curvature makes geodesics spread out.

- Positive Curvature makes them come together (as in  $S^n$ , where they meet on the other side.)

**Theorem 1.12** (Bonnet-Myers Theorem) *If  $K \geq \beta > 0$ , then  $M$  is compact with*

$$d_M(p, q) \leq \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\beta}} \quad \forall p, q \in M$$

This inequality is exact on  $S^2$ . Let  $p, q$  be antipodal points. We have

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{1}{R^2} =: \beta \\ d(q, p) &= \pi R = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\beta}} \end{aligned}$$

**Note** It follows that the universal cover  $M$  is also compact, so  $|\pi_1(M)| < \infty$ .

## 2 Differentiable Manifolds

- A topological manifold is a Hausdorff topological space such that each point has a neighborhood that is locally homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- A differentiable manifold is characterized by the additional condition that the overlap maps are smooth.

**Definition** let  $M$  be a set. A *chart* for  $M$  is a pair  $(U, \psi), U \subseteq M, \psi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  injective,  $\psi(U)$  open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\psi(p) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p)) \quad (\text{coordinate functions on } U)$$

We call  $\psi^{-1} : \psi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow U \subseteq M$  a parametrization of  $U$

$$\psi^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = p$$

We cover  $M$  with charts:

$$M = \cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} U_\alpha$$

and examine their behaviour on an overlap

$$W := U_\alpha \cap U_\beta.$$

**Definition** We call  $(U_\alpha, \psi_\alpha)$  and  $(U_\beta, \psi_\beta)$  (*smoothly compatible*) if  $\psi_\alpha(W), \psi_\beta(W)$  are open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the *overlap* (or *transition*) map

$$\psi_\beta \circ (\psi_\alpha^{-1}|_{\psi_\alpha(W)}) : \psi_\alpha(W) \rightarrow \psi_\beta(W)$$

and its inverse are infinitely differentiable.

**Definition** A *differentiable manifold of dimension  $n$*  is given by a set  $M$  equipped with a collection of charts  $(U_\alpha, \psi_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$  such that

- i.  $\cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} U_\alpha = M$
- ii. each pair of charts is smoothly compatible
- iii. the induced topology of  $M$  is Hausdorff

Motivation for ii.

$$\text{Let } f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Then in coordinates:

$$f \circ \psi_\alpha^{-1} \text{ smooth} \Leftrightarrow f \circ \psi_\beta^{-1} \text{ smooth}$$

$$\underbrace{f \circ \psi_\alpha^{-1}}_{\text{on } \mathbb{R}^n} = \underbrace{(f \circ \psi_\beta^{-1})}_{\text{on } \mathbb{R}^n} \circ \underbrace{(\psi_\beta \circ \psi_\alpha^{-1})}_{\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n}$$

**Example**

- $\mathbb{R}^n$

- any open set  $M := U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$   
just one chart

$$\text{id}_U : M \supseteq U \rightarrow U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

- graph of a smooth function

$$f : V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ (} V \text{ open)}$$

just one chart: projection from the graph to  $V$  via  $(z, f(z)) \mapsto z$ .

- any set  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  that can be written locally as a graph
- e.g.

$$S^n := \partial B_1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

needs  $2(n+1)$  charts (of graph projection type)

- Möbius strip:

$$M := (0, 3) \times (0, 1) / \sim$$

equivalence relation:  $(x, y) \sim (x+2, y-1)$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$ .

The natural projection is

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : (0, 3) \times (0, 1) &\rightarrow M \\ (x, y) &\rightarrow [(x, y)] := \text{equivalence class of } (x, y) \end{aligned}$$

2 charts:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1^{-1} &:= \pi|(0, 2) \times (0, 1) \rightarrow M \\ \psi_2^{-1} &:= \pi|(1, 3) \times (0, 1) \rightarrow M \end{aligned}$$

- $G(n, k) := \{\text{all } k\text{-dimensional subspaces of } \mathbb{R}^n\}$  This is called the (*real*) *Grassmannian* of  $k$ -planes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Exercise** What's its dimension?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}P^n &:= \{\text{all lines through the origin in } \mathbb{R}^{n+1}\} \\ &= G(n+1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise** Find charts for  $\mathbb{R}P^n$

- configuration space of all 3-4-5 triangles in  $\mathbb{R}^2$
- configuration space of all (equilateral) 1-1-1 triangles
- Even the space of  $\{a\text{-}a\text{-}a \text{ triangles in } \mathbb{R}^2 : a \geq 0\}$  is a manifold. **Exercise:** What manifold is this?

## 2.1 Topology of $M$

How to define a notion of open sets in  $M$ ? We transfer them from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  via charts. This results in a *local* test, as follows.

**Definition**  $W \subseteq M$  is *open (in  $M$ )* if  $\forall \alpha \in A, \psi_\alpha(W \cap U_\alpha)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\mathcal{T} := \{\text{open sets } S \text{ in } M\}$

**Proposition 2.1 (Exercise)**  $\mathcal{T}$  has the following properties:

i.

$$V, W \in \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow V \cap W \in \mathcal{T}$$

ii.

$$W_\beta \in \mathcal{T} \quad \forall \beta \in B \Rightarrow \cup_{\beta \in B} W_\beta \in \mathcal{T}$$

iii.

$$\emptyset, M \in \mathcal{T}$$

A collection of subsets of a set  $M$  that satisfies (1)-(3) is called a *topology* on  $M$ , and  $(M, \mathcal{T})$  is called a *topological space*.

**Example** The collection of open sets in a metric space  $(X, d)$  always satisfies (1)-(3). It is called the *topology induced by the metric  $d$* .

In our case,  $M$  has *no metric*.  $\mathcal{T}$  is called *the topology induced by the charts*. Using a topology one can express

- continuity
- convergence, topological boundaries
- paths
- connectedness
- simple connectedness, number of holes

**Definition** A map  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{S})$  between topological spaces is called a *homeomorphism* (or a *topological equivalence*, or *bicontinuous*) if  $f$  is bijective and preserves open sets:

$$U \in \mathcal{T} \Leftrightarrow f(U) \in \mathcal{S}.$$

**Exercise** Show that  $U_\alpha$  is open in  $M$ , and each chart

$$\psi_\alpha : M \supseteq U_\alpha \rightarrow \psi_\alpha(U_\alpha) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

is a homeomorphism.

The topology on  $U_\alpha$  is defined by  $\mathcal{T}_{U_\alpha} := \{W \cap U_\alpha | W \in \mathcal{T}\}$ . Verify:  $\mathcal{T}_{U_\alpha}$  is a topology on  $U_\alpha$ . It is called the *subspace topology* induced by  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $U_\alpha$ .

**Definition**  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is *Hausdorff* if any two points  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$  can be separated by open sets, i.e.  $\exists U, V$  in  $\mathcal{T}$  so that  $x \in U, y \in V, U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Observation:** A metric space is Hausdorff.

**Example**

$$\mathcal{T} := \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{b\}\}$$

( $b$  converges to  $a$  but  $a$  doesn't converge to  $b$ )

**Why Hausdorff?**

Consider the example.

$$(x, 1) \sim (x, 2), x \neq 0$$

$$M := \mathbb{R} \times \{1\} \cup \mathbb{R} \times \{2\} / \sim$$

The 2 points at the origin cannot be separated by open sets! This space fulfills conditions (1)-(2) of definition of a smooth manifold (check!) but fails to be Hausdorff. This is highly undesirable: For example,  $M$  could never be given a metric.

### 2.1.1 Maximal Atlas

Suppose we have an *atlas*

$$\mathcal{A} = (U_\alpha, \psi_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$$

There may be *many* other charts  $(U, \phi)$  that are compatible with each chart in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}} := \{\text{all charts } (U, \phi) \text{ compatible with each chart in } \mathcal{A}\}$$

*Easy to verify:* These charts are also compatible with each other. Thus  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  is an atlas.  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  is the (unique) maximal atlas containing  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We call  $\bar{\mathcal{A}}$  the *differentiable structure* (or *smooth structure*) induced by  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We also observe that  $\mathcal{T}_{\bar{\mathcal{A}}} = \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}$

**Definition** A *differentiable manifold* (*smooth manifold*,  $C^\infty$  *manifold*) is a pair  $(M, \mathcal{A})$  where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a maximal atlas (satisfies (1)-(3)).

**Remark** (Freedman/Donaldson 1980's)

Starting in  $n = 4$ , there are topological manifolds that cannot be given a smooth structure.

**Smooth functions from  $M \rightarrow N$**

$M^n, N^m$  smooth manifolds,

$$\phi : M \rightarrow N$$

a function.

**Definition**

- i.  $\phi$  is *smooth* if  $\phi$  is smooth near each  $p \in M$ .
- ii.  $\phi$  is *smooth near  $p$*  if there *exist* charts  $\psi, \chi$

$$\begin{array}{l} p \in U \xrightarrow{\psi} \mathbb{R}^n \\ \phi(p) \in V \xrightarrow{\chi} \mathbb{R}^m \end{array}$$

such that  $\phi(U) \subseteq V$

and

$$\chi \circ \phi \circ \psi^{-1}|_{\psi(U)} : \psi(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

is infinitely differentiable on  $U$ .

**Remark** Using the chain rule, it follows that  $\phi$  is smooth in *all* charts.

**Definition** A function  $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{S})$  is *continuous* provided

$$V \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}$$

**Proposition 2.2** A *smooth map between differentiable manifolds is continuous with respect to the topologies induced by the smooth structures.*

### 3 Tangents, differentials of maps

#### Tangent vectors

Here're two alternative ways of defining tangent vectors:

- i. Identify together vectors in charts to equivalence classes via the equivalence relation  $(X, \alpha, p) \sim (\tilde{X}, \beta, p)$  where

$$\tilde{X}^i = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial (\psi_\beta \circ \psi_\alpha^{-1})^i}{\partial x^j} X^j, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

- ii. A tangent vector is a *directional derivative operator* coming from differentiation along some smooth curve.

#### 3.1 Tangent vector as directional derivative operator

$$C^\infty(M) := \{\text{infinitely differentiable functions } M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$$

##### Motivation

Let  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a vector based at  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $X$  yields a linear operator  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as follows: pick curve  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma(0) = p$ ,  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = X$ , e.g.  $t \mapsto p + tX$ , then define

$$\begin{aligned} X : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ f &\mapsto \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 f(\gamma(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} X \cdot f &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j}(p) \frac{d\gamma^j}{dt}(0) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j}(p) X^j \end{aligned}$$

On a manifold, we have the curves  $\gamma$  but not yet  $X$ .

**Definition** Let  $p \in M$ . A *tangent vector to  $M$  at  $p$*  is a linear function

$$X : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f \mapsto X \cdot f$$

that arises as the directional derivative along some smooth curve starting at  $p$ , i.e.

$$\exists \gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M \text{ smooth, } \gamma(0) = p$$

such that

$$X \cdot f = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} f(\gamma(t)) \quad \forall f \in C^\infty(M).$$

(One says that  $X$  is the *velocity vector* of  $\gamma$  at  $t = 0$ )

### Definition

$$T_p M := \{(p, X) \mid X \text{ is a tangent vector to } M \text{ at } p\}$$

*tangent space of  $M$  at  $p$ .* Informally, we often use  $X$  to stand for the pair  $(X, p)$ .

### Expression in coordinates

i. *Coordinate vectors*

Let  $p \in M$ ,  $\psi : U \subseteq M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a chart near  $p$ ,  $\tilde{p} := \psi(p)$ .  $\tilde{f} := f \circ \psi^{-1}$ . Consider the *coordinate curve*

$$\tilde{\beta}_i : t \mapsto \tilde{p} + te_i \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n,$$

$$\beta_i := \psi^{-1} \circ \tilde{\beta}_i \text{ in } M.$$

Define

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p \equiv \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_{p, \psi} \in T_p M$$

by

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p \cdot f := \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} f(\beta_i(t)).$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p \cdot f &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 f \circ \beta_i \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 \tilde{f} \circ \tilde{\beta}_i \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 \tilde{f}(\tilde{p} + te_i) \\ &= \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial x^i}(\tilde{p}) \end{aligned}$$



Get  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\right)_p, \dots, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\right)_p \in T_p M$ , linearly independent in the vector space  $\text{Hom}(C^\infty(M), \mathbb{R})$ .

- ii. **Claim** Any tangent vector  $X$  in  $T_p M$  is a linear combination of the  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\right)_p$ 's.

**Proof** For some curve  $\gamma$  with  $\gamma(0) = p$  :

$$\begin{aligned} X \cdot f &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 f(\gamma(t)) \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 \underbrace{(f \circ \psi^{-1})}_{\tilde{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \circ \underbrace{(\psi \circ \gamma)}_{\tilde{\gamma}(t)} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial x^j}(\tilde{p}) \frac{d\tilde{\gamma}^j}{dt}(0) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (\tilde{\gamma}^1(t), \dots, \tilde{\gamma}^n(t))$

$$= \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{d\tilde{\gamma}^j}{dt}(0) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right)_p \right) \cdot f$$

so

$$X = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{d\tilde{\gamma}^j}{dt}(0) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right)_p$$

Thus:  $T_p M$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vectorspace with basis  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\right)_p, \dots, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\right)_p$

□

- iii. Consider the following possible alternative definition of a tangent vector: A tangent vector to  $M$  at  $p$  is a linear functional

$$X : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

that satisfies the Leibniz rule:

$$X \cdot (fg) = (X \cdot f)g(p) + f(p)X \cdot g$$

**Exercise** Prove this for  $n = 1$ , and find out if it's true for general  $n$ .

### 3.2 Differential of a map

Let  $\phi : M^n \rightarrow N^m$  be smooth,  $p \in M$ .

**Definition** Define  $d\phi(p) \equiv d\phi_p : T_pM \rightarrow T_{\phi(p)}N$  as follows: Let  $X \in T_pM$ , choose a path  $\alpha$  such that  $X = \text{velocity vector of } \alpha \text{ at } t = 0$ , i.e.

$$X \cdot f = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 f(\alpha(t)) \quad \forall f \in C^\infty(M),$$

Let  $\beta = \phi \circ \alpha$ . Define  $(Y \equiv) d\phi(p)(X) := \text{velocity vector of } \beta \text{ at } t = 0$  i.e.

$$Y \cdot g := \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 g(\beta(t)) \quad \forall g \in C^\infty(N).$$

Since  $\beta(0) = \phi(\alpha(0)) = \phi(p)$ , we get  $Y \in T_{\phi(p)}N$ .

Observe:

$$\begin{aligned} Y \cdot g &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 g(\phi(\alpha(t))) \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 (g \circ \phi)(\alpha(t)) \\ &= X \cdot (g \circ \phi) \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $Y$  depends only on  $X$  and not on the choice of  $\alpha$ . This also shows that  $d\phi(p)$  is linear. (We could have taken  $Y \cdot g := X(g \circ \phi)$  to be the definition of  $d\phi_p(X)$ )

#### In coordinates

Let  $X \in T_pM$ ,  $Y := d\phi(p)(X) \in T_qM$ ,  $q := \phi(p)$ .

Write

$$X = X^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p, \quad Y = \underbrace{Y^j \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \right)_q}_{\sum_{j=1}^m}$$

Einstein summation convention: paired indices, one upper, one lower, are summed over appropriately.

We want to express

$$Y^j = ? \cdot X^i.$$

Set  $\tilde{\phi} := \chi \circ \phi \circ \psi^{-1}$ ,  $\tilde{g} := g \circ \chi^{-1}$   
 Compute:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y \cdot g &= X \cdot (g \circ \phi) \\
 &= X^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p \cdot (g \circ \phi) \\
 &= X^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p \cdot \left[ \underbrace{(g \circ \chi^{-1})}_{\tilde{g}} \circ \underbrace{(\chi \circ \phi \circ \psi^{-1})}_{\tilde{\phi}} \circ \psi \right] \\
 &= X^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p \tilde{g} \circ \tilde{\phi} \circ \psi \\
 &= X^i \frac{\partial(\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{\phi})}{\partial x^i}(\tilde{p}) \quad ^1 \\
 &= X^i \frac{\partial \tilde{g}}{\partial y^j}(\tilde{q}) \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i}(\tilde{p}) \quad (\text{chain rule}) \\
 &= \left( X^i \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i}(\tilde{p}) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \right)_q \right) \cdot g
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$Y = X^i \frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i}(\tilde{p}) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \right)_q$$

i.e.

$$Y = Y^j \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \right)_q,$$

where

$$\underbrace{Y^j}_m = \underbrace{\frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i}(\tilde{p})}_{m \times n} \underbrace{X^i}_n$$

Shows:  $d\phi(p)$  is given in coords by the matrix

$$\frac{\partial y^j}{\partial x^i} \left( \equiv \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}^j}{\partial x^i} \right)$$

**Proposition 3.1** (*Chain rule*)

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<sup>1</sup>previously showed:  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \cdot f = \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial x^i}(\tilde{p}), \tilde{f} = f \circ \psi^{-1} \right)$

If

$$M \xrightarrow{f} N \xrightarrow{g} P$$

$$T_p M \xrightarrow{df_p} T_{f(p)} N \xrightarrow{dg_{f(p)}} T_{g(f(p))} P$$

then:

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

**Proof** Transfer the chain rule

$$\mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$$

to  $M, N, P$  via charts.

□

## Products

Let  $M^m, N^n$  : be smooth manifolds with atlases

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} &= (U_\alpha, \psi_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \\ \mathcal{B} &= (V_\beta, \chi_\beta)_{\beta \in B} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_\alpha : U_\alpha &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \\ \chi_\beta : V_\beta &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n. \end{aligned}$$

Give  $M \times N$  the charts

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_\alpha \times \chi_\beta : U_\alpha \times V_\beta &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n, \\ (p, q) &\mapsto (\psi_\alpha(p), \chi_\beta(q)) \end{aligned}$$

and the atlas

$$\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} := \{(U_\alpha \times V_\beta, \psi_\alpha \times \chi_\beta) \mid \alpha \in A, \beta \in B\}$$

Canonical projections:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_M : M \times N &\rightarrow M \\ (p, q) &\mapsto p \\ \pi_N : M \times N &\rightarrow N \\ (p, q) &\mapsto q \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.2 (Exercise)**

Show  $(M \times N, \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B})$  yields a manifold, and  $\pi_M, \pi_N$  are smooth.

**Example**  $\mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q$  is the same as  $\mathbb{R}^{p+q}$

$$S^1 \times S^1 = T^2 \quad (2\text{-Torus})$$

$$T^n := S^1 \times \cdots \times S^1 \quad (n\text{-torus})$$

**Example**  $\Xi := \{\text{space of right handed 3-4-5 triangles in } \mathbb{R}^2\}$

Project  $T \in \Xi$  to  $p(T) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (the sharpest vertex) and to  $\Theta(T) \in S^1$  (the angle that the length 4 side, directed away from  $p(T)$ , makes with the positive  $x$ -axis). Then the bijection  $(p, \Theta) : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$  shows  $\Xi = \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$ .

## Tangent bundle

$M$  smooth. Define

i.

$$T_p M := \{(p, X) \mid X \in \text{Hom}(C^\infty(M), \mathbb{R}) \text{ is a tangent vector to } M \text{ at } p\}$$

so  $0_p \neq 0_q$  when  $p \neq q$ .  $(p, X) \equiv X$  (abuse of notation)

ii.

$$TM := \bigcup_{p \in M} T_p M = \{(p, X) : p \in M, X \in T_p M\}$$

$T_p M$  is called the *fiber* at  $p$ .

iii.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : TM &\rightarrow M \\ (p, X) &\mapsto p \end{aligned}$$

(canonical projection)

**Proposition 3.3**  $TM$  has the structure of a  $2n$ -dimensional manifold.

Let  $(U, \psi)$  be a chart for  $M$

$$\begin{aligned} p \in U \subseteq M &\xrightarrow{\psi} \psi(p) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p)) \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ X^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p = X \in T_p M &\xrightarrow{d\psi(p)} (X^1, \dots, X^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (\text{check this!}) \end{aligned}$$

Define a chart for  $TM$  as follows:

Set

$$U := TU = \pi^{-1}(U) = \cup_{p \in U} T_p M \subseteq TM$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi : U &\rightarrow \psi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n \text{ by} \\ (p, X) &\mapsto (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p), X^1, \dots, X^n) \\ &= \left( \underbrace{x^1, \dots, x^n}_{\text{coords of } p}, \underbrace{X^1, \dots, X^n}_{\text{coords of } X \text{ within } T_p X} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The associated parametrization has a some what simpler form:

$$\Psi^{-1} : (x^1, \dots, x^n, X^1, \dots, X^n) \mapsto \left( \underbrace{\psi^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n)}_p, \sum X^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p \right)$$

**Exercise** The charts  $(U, \Psi)$  are compatible and give  $TM$  the structure of a  $2n$ -manifold.  $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$  smooth.  $TM$  is *locally* a product  $\psi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n$

**Example**  $S^1$

Coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow S^1 \\ \theta &\mapsto [\theta] := \theta + 2\pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TS^1 & \ni & \left( [\theta], a \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)_{[\theta]} \right) \quad [\theta] \in S^1, a \in \mathbb{R} \\ \cong \downarrow \text{preserves smooth structure} & & \downarrow \\ S^1 \times \mathbb{R} & \ni & ([\theta], a) \end{array}$$

$TS^1 \simeq S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$  cylinder, a product, of the *base*  $S^1$  with  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} TS^2 &\not\cong S^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \\ TS^3 &\cong S^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \\ TS^4 &\not\cong S^4 \times \mathbb{R}^4 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

**Definition** A *smooth vector field* on  $M$  is a smooth function  $X : M \rightarrow TM$  such that  $X(p) \in T_p M \forall p \in M$ .

**In coordinates**  $p \xrightarrow{\psi} (x^1, \dots, x^n)$

$$\begin{aligned} X(x^1, \dots, x^n) &= (x^1, \dots, x^n, X^1(x^1, \dots, x^n), \dots, X^n(x^1, \dots, x^n)) \\ &\stackrel{\text{abuse}}{=} (X^1(x^1, \dots, x^n), \dots, X^n(x^1, \dots, x^n)) \end{aligned}$$

Evidently,  $X$  is a smooth vector field  $\Leftrightarrow$  components  $X^1(x^1, \dots, x^n), \dots, X^n(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  of  $X$  are smooth.

Semi intrinsically, we write

$$X(p) = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{X^i(x^1, \dots, x^n)}_{C^\infty} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p$$

**Question:** How many pointwise linearly independent vector fields can we find on  $S^n$ ? Specifically, we require  $\forall p \in S^n, e_1(p), \dots, e_k(p)$  are linearly independent in  $T_p S^n$ .

**Theorem 3.4** *There is no nowhere-vanishing vector field on  $S^2$ .*

**Theorem 3.5** *(F.Adams) Gives a peculiar formula for the maximum number of pointwise linear independent vectorfields on  $S^n$ . (See Greenberg & Harper.)*

$$\begin{array}{ll} TS^1 \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R} & S^1 \quad 1 \\ & S^2 \quad 0 \\ TS^3 \cong S^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 & S^3 \quad 3 \\ & S^4 \quad 0 \\ & S^5 \quad \neq 0, 5 \\ & S^6 \quad 0 \\ TS^7 \cong S^7 \times \mathbb{R}^7 & S^7 \quad 7 \end{array}$$

## 4 Submanifolds, diffeomorphisms, immersions and submersions

Reference: Guillemin and Pollack Chap 1, pp 1-27

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold,  $N \subseteq M$  a subset.

**Definition**  $N$  is a (smooth)  $k$ -dimensional submanifold of  $M$  if  $\forall x \in N$ ,  $\exists U \ni x$  open and a chart  $\psi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\psi(N \cap U) = (\mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\}) \cap \psi(U).$$

**Atlas for  $N$ :**

$$\mathcal{A}_N := \{(V, \chi) \mid V := N \cap U \quad \chi := \psi|_{N \cap U} : N \cap U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k, (U, \psi) \text{ as above}\}.$$

**Examples**

- open subset of a manifold
- $S^n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$
- $S^{n-1}$  in  $S^n$
- (prove later) classical groups  $O(n), U(n), Sp(n), \dots$  are submanifolds of  $M^{n \times n} \cong \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$
- open upper hemisphere of  $S^n$ , in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

**Proposition 4.1**

- $(N, \mathcal{A}_N)$  is a smooth  $k$ -manifold.
- The inclusion map of  $N$  in  $M$  is  $i \equiv i_{N \subseteq M}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} N &\rightarrow M \\ p &\mapsto p \end{aligned}$$

is smooth.

- It's differential

$$di_p : T_p N \rightarrow T_p M$$

is an injection  $\forall p$ , modelled on the linear inclusion  $\mathbb{R}^k \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- The subspace topology on  $N$  coincides with the chart topology. For any  $N \subseteq (M, \mathcal{T}_M)$  (not necessarily a submanifold), we define  $\mathcal{T}_N := \{U \cap N \mid U \in \mathcal{T}_M\}$ . called the subspace topology induced on  $N$  from  $(M, \mathcal{T}_M)$

**Proposition 4.2**  $\mathcal{T}_N$  is a topology on  $N$



### Big Questions:

- i. When is the image of a smooth map a submanifold?
- ii. When is the zero-set of a smooth map a submanifold?

## 4.1 Immersions, submersions, diffeomorphisms

Let

$$\begin{aligned} f &: M^n \rightarrow N^m \\ df_p &: T_p M \rightarrow T_{f(p)} N. \end{aligned}$$

be smooth, and consider

### Definition

- i.  $f$  is an *immersion* if  $df_p$  is injective  $\forall p \in M$
- ii.  $f$  is a *submersion* if  $df_p$  is surjective  $\forall p \in M$
- iii.  $f$  is a *diffeomorphism* if  $f$  is bijective and  $f^{-1}$  is also smooth. (NB: then  $f^{-1} \circ f = id_M$ ,  $(df^{-1})_{f(p)} \circ df_p = id_{T_p M}$ , so  $df_p$  is an isomorphism)

Correspondingly, we have

- i. Local immersion theorem (Blatter II p.106)
- ii. Local submersion theorem ( $\equiv$  Implicit function theorem) (Blatter II p.99)
- iii. Inverse function theorem (Blatter II p.88)

The first two are dual and both are proved from iii.

### Diffeomorphisms

$$(M, \mathcal{A}) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xleftarrow{f^{-1}} \end{array} (N, \mathcal{B})$$

$f$  diffeomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}$  diffeomorphism.

Write:  $M \stackrel{\text{diff}}{\cong} N$

It means:  $M$  and  $N$  “look the same” from a differentiable viewpoint.

**Advanced Fact (Taubes/Donaldson 80's)**

Starting in  $n = 4$ , a topological manifold can have 0,1 or  $\geq 2$  distinct (i.e. non-diffeomorphic) differentiable structures.

**Example** (Milnor 50's) The topological manifold  $S^7$  has 28 distinct differentiable structures.

Standard one:  $S^7 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^8 \mid |x| = 1\}$

**Theorem 4.3 (Inverse function theorem)** *Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be smooth. If  $df_p : T_pM \rightarrow T_{f(p)}N$  is an isomorphism, then  $f$  is a diffeomorphism near  $p$ , that is,  $\exists U \ni p, V \ni f(p)$  open such that  $f|U : U \rightarrow V$  is a diffeomorphism.*

**Proof** Transfer the usual Inverse Function Theorem from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $M, N$  via charts.

□

**Definition** Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$

- i.  $f$  is a *local diffeomorphism* if every  $p \in M$  has a neighborhood  $U \ni p$  such that  $f(U)$  is open in  $N$  and  $f|U : U \rightarrow f(U)$  is a diffeomorphism.
- ii.  $f$  is a (*smooth*) *covering map* if every  $q \in N$  has a neighborhood  $V \ni q$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) = \cup_{\delta \in \Delta} U_\delta$ , where the  $U_\delta$  are open disjoint sets in  $M$ , and  $f|U_\delta : U_\delta \rightarrow V$  is a diffeomorphism for each  $\delta$ .

**Clear:**

Covering map  $\begin{matrix} \Rightarrow \\ \Leftarrow \end{matrix}$  local diffeomorphism

**Exercise** Prove that the number of preimage points  $f^{-1}(q)$  is constant on each *connected component* of  $N$ , if  $f$  is a covering map.

**Example**

$$S^n \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{R}P^n$$

$$p \mapsto \pi(p) := \text{line through } p \text{ and } 0$$

$\pi$  is a covering map (where we give  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  a suitable smooth structure). Each  $L \in \mathbb{R}P^n$  has two preimage points  $p, -p$  in  $S^n$ .

Let  $\Gamma$  be a group of diffeomorphisms from  $M$  to  $M$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} id_M \in \Gamma, \quad g \in \Gamma &\Rightarrow g^{-1} \in \Gamma \\ g, h \in \Gamma &\Rightarrow g \circ h \in \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

**Definition**  $\Gamma$  acts *freely and properly discontinuously* on  $M$  if  $\forall p \in M \exists U_{\text{open}} \ni p$  such that

$$g \neq h \in \Gamma \Rightarrow g(U) \cap h(U) = \emptyset.$$

**Example**

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \{id_{S^n}, g\}$$

where  $g(x) := -x$ ,  $g^2 = id_M$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  acts freely and properly discontinuous on  $S^n$ .

**Definition** Let  $\Gamma$  be a group and  $M$  a manifold.  $\Gamma$  *acts smoothly on  $M$*  if there is a homomorphism of  $\Gamma$  to the group of diffeomorphisms ( $\equiv \text{Diff}(M)$ ) of  $M$ .

**Example**  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  acts freely and properly discontinuously on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by translation.

**Notation**

$$\begin{aligned} \rho : \Gamma &\rightarrow \text{Diff}(M) \quad \text{group action} \\ g &\mapsto \rho(g) \\ \rho(g)(x) &\equiv g(x) \end{aligned}$$

**Definition** We call  $\Gamma \cdot x := \{g(x) | g \in \Gamma\}$  *the orbit of  $x$  under action of  $\Gamma$* .

$M$  decomposes into a disjoint union of orbits. Specifically one can easily see:

- i. for all  $x, y \in M$ , either  $\Gamma \cdot x = \Gamma \cdot y$  or  $\Gamma \cdot x \cap \Gamma \cdot y = \emptyset$
- ii.  $M = \cup_{x \in M} \Gamma \cdot x$

Each orbit is an equivalence class for the relation

$$x \sim y \Leftrightarrow y = g(x) \exists g \in \Gamma.$$

We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : M &\rightarrow M/\Gamma \\ x &\mapsto \Gamma \cdot x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M/\Gamma &:= \{\text{set of orbits}\} \\ &= \{\Gamma \cdot x | x \in M\} \\ &= M/\sim \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.4** (*Exercise*)

If  $\Gamma$  acts freely and properly discontinuously on  $M$ , then  $\pi : M \rightarrow M/\Gamma$  induces a smooth structure on  $M/\Gamma$  such that  $\pi$  is a covering map.

**Warning** Not every covering map comes from an appropriate group action!

**Exercise** Find an example.

**Definition** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is *discrete* if for each  $x \in A$   $\exists U$  open such that  $A \cap U = \{x\}$ .

**Exercise**  $G$  Lie group (a manifold such that the group operations are smooth),  $\Gamma$  discrete subgroup (not necessarily normal!) and  $G/\Gamma$  coset space of  $\Gamma$  in  $G$

- $SL(2, \mathbb{R})/SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) = ?$  (3-manifold)
- $S^3/\{\pm 1\} \cong \mathbb{R}P^3$ ,  $S^3/\mathbb{Z}_\ell$  (some 3-manifold)

$$\mathbb{Z}_\ell := \{e^{2\pi ik/\ell} | k = 0, \dots, \ell - 1\}$$

**Exercise**

Find all the manifolds (up to diffeomorphism) of the form  $\mathbb{R}^2/\Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma$  acts freely and properly discontinuously on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by *isometries* (translations, rotations, reflections and glide reflections).

\* Same problem for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## 4.2 Immersions

An *immersion* is a function such that

$$\begin{aligned} f : M^k &\rightarrow N^n && \text{smooth} \\ df(p) : T_p M &\rightarrow T_{f(p)} N && \text{is an injection.} \end{aligned} \quad (\Rightarrow k \leq n)$$

**Example** The inclusion map  $i : M \rightarrow N, x \mapsto x$  of any submanifold  $M$  of  $N$  is an immersion.

**Example** (curves) A regular curve ( $\dot{\gamma}(t) \neq 0$ )

$$\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto \gamma(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

is an immersion.

**Example** (Canonical linear immersion)

$$\begin{aligned} i : \mathbb{R}^k &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ (x^1, \dots, x^k) &\mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^k, 0, \dots, 0) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.5 (Local Immersion Theorem)** *Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be smooth,  $p \in M$  be fixed. Suppose*

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

*is injective. Then there exist local coordinates  $(x^1, \dots, x^k)$  about  $p$ ,  $(y^1, \dots, y^n)$  about  $f(p)$  such that in these coordinates,  $f$  has the form*

$$(x^1, \dots, x^k) \mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^k, 0, \dots, 0) = (y^1, \dots, y^n)$$

*near  $p$ .*

*This says “ $f$  is smoothly equivalent to  $i$ ”. This means that any immersion can be straightened, out at least locally.*

*Proof later.*

**Corollary 4.6** *If  $df_p$  is injective at  $p$  then  $df_q$  will be injective for all  $q$  near  $p$ .*

*So  $\{p \in M \mid df_p \text{ injective}\}$  is open. “That is, injectivity of the differential of  $f$  is an open condition on points of  $M$ ”.*

**Corollary 4.7** *The image under an immersion of a sufficiently small open set of  $M$  is a submanifold of  $N$ .*

**Question:**

When is the image of a smooth map a *submanifold* of the target manifold?

**Theorem 4.8** *If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an injective immersion and a homeomorphism onto its image<sup>2</sup>, then  $f(M)$  is a smooth submanifold of  $N$  and  $f$  is a diffeomorphism from  $M$  to  $f(M)$ .*

**Proof**

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<sup>2</sup>This means:  $f : M \rightarrow f(M)$  is a homeomorphism (where  $f(M)$  has the subspace topology coming from  $N$ ).

- i. Fix  $q \in f(M), p := f^{-1}(q)$  (unique,  $f : M \rightarrow f(M)$  bijective). By the Local Immersion Theorem,  $\exists U_{\text{open}} \ni p, W_{\text{open}} \ni q$  such that

$$f|U : U \rightarrow W$$

is the canonical linear immersion

$$i : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$$

in coordinate systems  $(x^1, \dots, x^k)$  on  $U$  and  $(y^1, \dots, y^n)$  on  $W$ . Thus  $f(U)$  is a submanifold of  $N$  and  $f|U$  is a diffeomorphism from  $U$  to  $f(U)$ . Since  $f$  is a homeomorphism from  $M$  to  $f(M)$  and  $U$  is open in  $M$ ,  $f(U)$  is open in  $f(M)$ , i.e.

$$f(U) = V \cap f(M)$$

for some  $V$  open in  $N$ .

This tells us:  $f(U)$  is *cleanly separated via  $V$  from the rest of  $f(M)$* .

In fact, we have that  $f(M) \cap V$  is a submanifold of  $N$ . (Recall that in the coordinates  $y^1, \dots, y^n$  on  $N$  near  $q$ ,  $f(M)$  maps to an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ )

Since such a  $V$  can be found about any point  $q$  of  $f(M)$ , it follows that  $f(M)$  is a submanifold of  $N$ .

- ii.  $f : M \rightarrow f(M)$  is a local diffeomorphism by the above, and  $f : M \rightarrow f(M)$  is a homeomorphism. So  $f^{-1} : f(M) \rightarrow M$  exists. Using the Inverse Function Theorem,  $f^{-1}$  is smooth.

□

Homeomorphism-ness is hard to test directly.

**Definition** If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  satisfies the conclusions of the previous Theorem (ie  $f(M)$  is a submanifold of  $N$  and  $f : M \rightarrow f(M)$  is a diffeomorphism), we call  $f$  an *embedding* of  $M$  in  $N$ .

**Theorem 4.9** Suppose  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an injective immersion and  $M$  is compact. Then  $f$  is an embedding.

**Proof** Must show:  $f : M \rightarrow f(M)$  homeomorphism. Note that  $f$  is bijective and continuous. Thus it suffices to show that  $f^{-1}$  is continuous, i.e. show: if  $U$  open in  $M$  then  $f(U)$  is open in  $f(M)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 U \text{ open in } M &\Rightarrow M \setminus U \text{ closed in } M \\
 &\Rightarrow M \setminus U \text{ compact (since } M \text{ is compact)} \\
 &\Rightarrow f(M \setminus U) = f(M) \setminus f(U) \text{ compact} \\
 &\Rightarrow f(M) \setminus f(U) \text{ closed in } f(M) \\
 &\Rightarrow f(U) \text{ open in } f(M).
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proof** (*Local Immersion Theorem*)

The theorem is entirely local, so without loss of generality we may assume

$$f : \mathbb{R}^k \supseteq U \rightarrow V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \quad U, V \text{ open, } p = 0$$

Without loss of generality (via postcomposition with a *linear* transformation of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) we may assume

$$\begin{aligned}
 df_p = i : \mathbb{R}^k &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\
 (x^1, \dots, x^k) &\mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^k, 0, \dots, 0) \\
 &\text{(canonical linear immersion)}
 \end{aligned}$$

To apply the Inverse Function Theorem we *augment*  $\mathbb{R}^k$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by adding  $n - k$  new variables. We extend  $f$  to a new function  $F$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 U \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k} \\
 (x', x'') &\mapsto f(x') + (0, x'')
 \end{aligned}$$

Compute for:  $(X', X'') = X \in T_P(U \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}) = \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 dF_p(X', X'') &= \underbrace{df_p}_{i}(X') + (0, X'') \\
 &= (X', 0) + (0, X'') \\
 &= (X', X'')
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$dF_p = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

As matrices:

$$dF_p = \left( \underbrace{df_p}_{x'} \left| \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \underbrace{I}_{x''} \end{array} \right. \right) \begin{pmatrix} y' \\ y'' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} = I$$

By the Inverse Function Theorem,  $\exists W$  open  $\ni p$ ,  $F(W)$  open  $\ni F(p, 0) = f(p)$  such that

$$F|W : W \rightarrow F(W)$$

is a diffeomorphism. So  $G := (F|W)^{-1}$  is a valid chart for  $F(W)$ . So we can use  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  as coordinates on  $F(W)$ . Let  $U_1 := W \cap (U \times \{0\})$ .

Get:  $(x^1, \dots, x^k)$  coordinates on  $U$ ,  
 $(X^1, \dots, X^n)$  coordinates on  $F(W)$

Then in these coordinates  $f$  has the form

$$(x^1, \dots, x^k) \mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^k, 0, \dots, 0).$$

□

**Theorem 4.10 (Graphical Image Theorem)** (*Restatement of Local Immersion Theorem*)

*The image of a smooth map whose differential is injective at one point can be written locally, in the original target variables  $(y^1, \dots, y^n)$ , as the graph of  $(n - k)$  of the variables as a function of remaining  $k$ .*

Recall that if  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is injective immersion and  $M$  compact then  $f$  is an embedding. Let's try to generalize this to  $M$  noncompact.

**Definition**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *proper* if  $K \subseteq Y$ ,  $K$  compact  $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(K)$  compact

**Theorem 4.11** *If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  injective immersion and proper then  $f$  is an embedding.*

**Proof** Exercise.

□

**Example**  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow T^2$  with an irrational slope: injective immersion, not proper. The image is dense in  $T^2$  so it isn't an embedding.

**Definition** We call a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  *second countable* if there exists a countable collection of open sets that generate the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  via arbitrary unions, i.e.  $\mathcal{T}$  has a *countable base*.



**Example**

$\mathbb{R}$      $\left\{ \left( \frac{p}{q}, \frac{r}{s} \right) \mid p, q, r, s \in \mathbb{Z}, q, s \neq 0 \right\}$     countable base  
 $\mathbb{R}^n$     products of such intervals:    countable base

**Theorem 4.12 (Whitney Theorem)** *Every (paracompact or second countable) smooth  $n$ -manifold can be embedded smoothly in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ .*

**Example**

$S^1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$     embedding  
 $\mathbb{R}P^2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$     Veronese embedding  
 $\mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$     Boy's immersion

There exist no embedding of  $\mathbb{R}P^2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

### 4.3 Submersions

**Zero Sets**

**Question**  $f : M \rightarrow N$  smooth. When is  $f^{-1}(q)$  a submanifold of  $M$ ?

**Example**

$$f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$f(x, y) := x^3 - y^2$ ,  $f^{-1}(0)$  is a cone with a cusp (not smooth at  $(0, 0)$ )

$$\nabla f = (3x^2, -2y)$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 f : M &\rightarrow N \text{ smooth} \\
 df_p : T_p M &\rightarrow T_{f(p)} N
 \end{aligned}$$

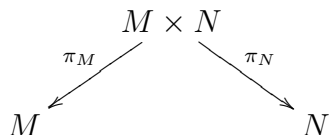
We require:  $df_p$  surjective  $\forall p \in M$ .

**Example** (Canonical linear projection) Let  $n \geq k$  and define

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi : \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \\
 (x^1, \dots, x^n) &\mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^k).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\pi$  is a submersion.

**Example**



Then  $\pi_M, \pi_N$  are submersions.

**Example** (Exercise)  $TM \xrightarrow{\pi} M$  is a submersion.

**Theorem 4.13 (Local Submersion Theorem)**  $f : M^n \rightarrow N^k$  smooth,  $p \in M$ ,  $df_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_{f(p)} N$  surjective. Then there are coordinates  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  near  $p$ ,  $(y^1, \dots, y^k)$  near  $f(p)$ , such that  $f$  has the form

$$(x^1, \dots, x^n) \mapsto (y^1, \dots, y^k)$$

**Notation:**

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k} \ni (x^1, \dots, x^k, x^{k+1}, \dots, x^n) = (x', x'')$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi' : \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k, & x &\mapsto x' \\
 \pi'' : \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-k}, & x &\mapsto x''
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** Since the theorem is local, we may work in open sets in Euclidean space:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f : U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k \\
 (x^1, \dots, x^n) &\quad (y^1, \dots, y^k)
 \end{aligned}$$

$U, V$  open.

Precomposing  $f$  with an appropriate linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , we may assume

$$\begin{aligned}
 df_p = \pi' : \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \\
 (x', x'') &\mapsto x'
 \end{aligned}$$

To apply the Inverse Function Theorem, *complete*  $f$  to a map  $F$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F : U &\rightarrow V \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k} \\
 (x', x'') &\mapsto (f(x', x''), \underbrace{\pi''(x)}_{\equiv x''})
 \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $X = (X', X'') \in T_p(\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}) = \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} dF_p(X', X'') &= \left( \underbrace{df_p}_{\pi'}(X', X''), \underbrace{d\pi_p''}_{\pi''}(X', X'') \right) \\ &= (X', X''). \end{aligned}$$

So  $dF_p = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$  is an isomorphism.

$$\left( dF_p = \left( \underbrace{df_p}_{x'} \left| \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \underbrace{I}_{x''} \end{array} \right. \right) \begin{pmatrix} y' \\ y'' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} = I \right)$$

Thus by the Inverse Function Theorem,  $\exists U_1 \subseteq U$  open,  $W \subseteq V \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$  open such that

$$U_1 \xrightarrow{F|_{U_1}} W$$

is a diffeomorphism. So  $F|_{U_1}$  is a valid chart map and we may replace the coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  on  $U_1$  by the coordinates  $y^1, \dots, y^n$  coming from  $W$ . Then  $U_1$  has the coordinates  $(y^1, \dots, y^n)$ .  $V \cap (W \cap \mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\})$  has coordinates  $(y^1, \dots, y^k)$ . In these coordinates,  $f$  is represented by

$$(y^1, \dots, y^n) \mapsto (y^1, \dots, y^k).$$

□

**Corollary 4.14**  $df_p$  surjective at  $p \Rightarrow df_p$  surjective for all  $q$  near  $p$  (i.e. surjectivity of  $df$  is an open condition in the domain manifold.)

**We return to our question:**

When is the preimage  $f^{-1}(q)$  a submanifold of  $M$ ?

**Corollary 4.15** Let  $f : M^n \rightarrow N^k$  be a submersion. Then  $f^{-1}(q)$  is an  $(n - k)$ -dimensional submanifold of  $M$  for any  $q \in N$ .

Note that the Local Submersion Theorem is really the Implicit Function Theorem in disguise.

We can be more precise in an answer to the above question.

**Definition**  $f : M \rightarrow N$  smooth

- $p \in M$  regular point if  $df_p$  surjective

- $p \in M$  *critical point* if  $df_p$  not surjective
- $q \in N$  *regular value* if every  $p \in f^{-1}(q)$  is a regular point
- $q \in N$  *critical value* if some  $p \in f^{-1}(q)$  is a critical point.

Note that the set of *regular points* is open and the set of *critical points* is closed.

**Example** (Very standard!)

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R}^2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ f(x, y) &:= x^2 - y^2 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} df &= 2xdx - 2ydy, && \text{or more precisely} \\ df_{(x,y)} &= 2xdx_{(x,y)} - 2ydy_{(x,y)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(x, y)$  critical  $\Leftrightarrow df_{(x,y)} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x, y) = (0, 0)$   
 All  $f^{-1}(q)$  are smooth except  $f^{-1}(0)$ .

**Corollary 4.16**  $f : M^n \rightarrow N^k$  smooth,  $q \in N$  regular value, then  $f^{-1}(q)$  is a smooth submanifold of  $M$ .

## 5 Lie Groups: $S^3$ and $SO(3)$

**Definition** A *Lie group* is a group that has the structure of a smooth manifold such that the group operations

$$\begin{aligned} G \times G &\rightarrow G & G &\rightarrow G \\ (a, b) &\mapsto ab & a &\mapsto a^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

are smooth.

**Example**

$$\begin{aligned} O(n) &:= \{A \in M^{n \times n} \mid A^T A = \mathbb{1}\} \\ &= \{A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n\} \\ SO(n) &:= O(n) \cap \{\det A = 1\} \quad (\text{orientation preserving}) \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise** Prove  $O(n)$  is a Lie group by showing that  $\mathbb{1}$  is a regular value of the function

$$A \in M^{n \times n} \mapsto A^T A \in M_{\text{symm}}^{n \times n}$$

**Example** The group of isometries of any Riemannian manifold is a Lie group (not easy at this stage).

**Example**

$$\text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{x \mapsto Ax + b \mid A \in O(n), b \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

**Exercise** What is  $\text{Isom}(T_{\text{square}}^2)$ ?

## 5.1 Quaternions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &:= \{a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &\cong \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ as a vector space over } \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$(\mathcal{H}, +, \cdot)$  is an *algebra* over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Multiplication: 1 is multiplicative unit, and we require

$$ij = -ji = k, \quad jk = -kj = i, \quad ki = -ik = j$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} (a + bi + cj + dk)(e + fi + gj + hk) &= ae - bf - cg - dh \\ &\quad + (af + be + ch - dg)i \\ &\quad + (ag + ce - bh + df)j \\ &\quad + (de + ah + bg - cf)k \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u = a + bi + cj + dk$  define  $\bar{u} := a - bi - cj - dk$

Check:  $\bar{\bar{u}} = u$ ,  $u\bar{u} = \bar{u}u$ .

Set  $|u|^2 := u\bar{u} = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 > 0$  (usual norm on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ).

Observe:

- $\frac{\bar{u}}{|u|^2}$  is the inverse of  $u \neq 0$  so  $(\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$  is a Lie group.
- $|uv|^2 = uv\bar{u}\bar{v} = uv\bar{v}\bar{u} = |v|^2|u|^2$  i.e.  $|uv| = |u||v|$ , “ $|\cdot|$  is multiplicative”.
- $S^3 := \{u \mid |u| = 1\}$  is closed under multiplication and inversion, so  $(S^3, \cdot)$  is a Lie group called the group of unit quaternions. Note that  $S^3 \cong \text{SU}(2) \cong \text{Sp}(1)$

**Definition** A 1-parameter subgroup of a Lie group  $G$  is a homomorphism

$$(\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow (G, \cdot)$$

**Example**

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{R}, +) &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \subseteq (\mathcal{H}, \cdot) \\ \theta &\mapsto e^{i\theta} := \cos \theta + i \sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $e^{i(\phi+\psi)} = e^{i\phi} \cdot e^{i\psi}$ , so  $\theta \mapsto e^{i\theta}$  is a 1-parameter subgroup of  $S^3$ . Now set

$$\begin{aligned} e^{j\theta} &:= \cos \theta + j \sin \theta \\ e^{k\theta} &:= \cos \theta + k \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

These are also 1-parameter subgroups.

Take  $u := ai + bj + ck$ ,  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ . Verify  $u^2 = -1$  so  $\{a + bu | a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \cong \mathbb{C}$  as an algebra. Then

$$e^{u\theta} := \cos \theta + u \sin \theta$$

is also a 1-parameter sub group of  $S^3$ .

**Picture of  $S^3$**

$$\begin{aligned} i &\mapsto (1, 0, 0) \\ j &\mapsto (0, 1, 0) \\ 1 &\mapsto (0, 0, 0) \\ S^3 \setminus \{-1\} &\xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{R}^3 \end{aligned}$$

In stereographic projection, the 1-parameter subgroups become lines through the origin.

All 1-parameter subgroups are equivalent, i.e.  $\exists v \in S^3$  such that  $v(e^{u\theta})v^{-1} = e^{i\theta}$  (Proof later).

## 5.2 Smooth actions, left, right, adjoint actions of a Lie group on itself

**Definition**  $G$  Lie group,  $M$  smooth manifold. A *smooth action* of  $G$  on  $M$  is a smooth map

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : G \times M &\rightarrow M \\ (a, x) &\mapsto \phi(a, x) \equiv \phi_a(x) \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_e &= \text{id}_M \\ \phi_a \circ \phi_b &= \phi_{ab}. \end{aligned}$$

## Consequences

- Each  $\phi_a$  is diffeomorphism. To see this, compute

$$\phi_a \phi_{a^{-1}} = \phi_{aa^{-1}} = \phi_e = \text{id}_M$$

so  $\phi_a$  is invertible with  $(\phi_a)^{-1} = \phi_{a^{-1}}$ , so  $\phi_a$  is a diffeomorphism.

- $\phi$  yields a homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : G &\rightarrow \text{Diff}(M) \\ a &\mapsto \phi_a. \end{aligned}$$

in agreement with our previous definition of an action of a group on a manifold.

## Definition

$$\begin{aligned} L_a : G &\rightarrow G \quad \text{left translation} \\ b &\mapsto ab \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_a : G &\rightarrow G \quad \text{right translation} \\ b &\mapsto ba \end{aligned}$$

$a \mapsto L_a$  and  $a \mapsto R_{a^{-1}}$  are smooth actions of  $G$  on itself:

$$\begin{aligned} L_a L_b &= L_{ab}, & L_e &= \text{id}_G \\ R_{a^{-1}} R_{b^{-1}} &= R_{(ab)^{-1}} = R_{b^{-1}a^{-1}}, & R_e &= \text{id}_G \end{aligned}$$

Note also that  $L_a R_b = R_b L_a$ .

**Definition** The *adjoint action* is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ad}_a : G &\rightarrow G \\ b &\mapsto aba^{-1} = L_a R_{a^{-1}} b = R_{a^{-1}} L_a b \end{aligned}$$

which is also a smooth action.

## Example

$$\mathbb{R}^4 \cong \mathcal{H} = \{a + bi + cj + dk\} \supseteq S^3$$

Take  $u \in S^3$ , then

$L_u, R_u, \text{Ad}_u : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  are isometries, since  $|uv| = |u||v| = |v|$ .

Set

$$\mathbb{R}^3 := \{xi + yj + zk \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Note that

$$T_1 S^3 \perp \mathbb{R} \cdot 1$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now  $\text{Ad}_u$  preserves  $\mathbb{R} \cdot 1$ , so  $\text{Ad}_u$  preserves  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and

$$\text{Ad}_u : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

is an isometry preserves  $O$ . Thus  $\text{Ad}_u \in O(3)$  and

$$\text{Ad} : S^3 \rightarrow O(3)$$

is a homomorphism, i.e.  $\text{Ad}_u \text{Ad}_v = \text{Ad}_{uv}$ . Now  $O(3)$  consists of two connected components, namely the orientation-preserving orthogonal transformations ( $SO(3)$ ), and the orientation-reversing ones. Clearly  $\text{Ad} : S^3 \rightarrow O(3)$  is continuous (you may check this by finding a formula for it), and  $S^3$  is connected. Thus  $\text{Ad}(S^3) \subseteq SO(3)$ , i.e.

$$\text{Ad} : S^3 \rightarrow SO(3).$$

**Exercise** Find a formula for  $\text{Ad}_u \in SO(3)$  and interpret it geometrically.

**Kernel of Ad:**

$$\begin{aligned} u \in \ker(\text{Ad}) &\Leftrightarrow uvu^{-1} = v \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^3 \\ &\Leftrightarrow u = a \in \mathbb{R} \cdot 1 && \text{(check)} \\ &\Rightarrow u = \pm 1 \\ \ker(\text{Ad}) &= \{\pm 1\} \\ \text{so } S^3/\{\pm 1\} &\cong SO(3) \text{ (as a group)} \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise** One easily verifies:  $\text{Ad} : S^3 \rightarrow SO(3)$  is a 2:1 covering map that takes  $u$  and  $-u$  to the same point in  $SO(3)$ . So

$$SO(3) \stackrel{\text{diff}}{\cong} S^3/\{\pm 1\} \stackrel{\text{diff}}{\cong} \mathbb{R}P^3$$

as smooth manifolds.

Recall the following lemmas, which might help.

**Lemma 5.1** *A local diffeomorphism  $M \rightarrow N$  with a compact domain  $M$  is a covering map.*

**Lemma 5.2** *A covering map with connected target has a constant preimage size*

$$\#\pi^{-1}(q), q \in N$$



## 6 Lie brackets, flows of vector fields, Lie derivatives

### 6.1 Vector fields

Notation:

$$X : M \rightarrow TM, X(p) \in T_p M \forall p$$

Let  $\psi$  be a chart  $\psi : U \subseteq M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$X(p) = \sum_{i=1}^n X^i(\psi^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n)) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p$$

**Warning** Standard abuse of notation:

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n X^i(x^1, \dots, x^n) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$$

where we identify  $p$  with  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$ , i.e. we drop  $\psi$ .

$$\begin{aligned} C^\infty(TM) &:= \{C^\infty \text{ vector fields on } M\} \\ \Gamma(TM) &:= \{\text{all vector fields on } M\} \end{aligned}$$

Also write:  $C^\infty(M, TM), C^\infty(U, TM)$ , where  $U \subseteq M$  is open.

$$\begin{aligned} C^\infty(M) &:= \{C^\infty \text{ functions } M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \\ C^0(M) &:= \{\text{continuous functions } M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \\ C^1(M) &:= \{\text{continuously differentiable functions } M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \\ C^k(M) &:= \{\text{functions } M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ such that all derivatives of orders } \\ &\quad 0, \dots, k \text{ exist and are continuous (in coordinates)}\} \end{aligned}$$

We say  $X$  is  $C^k \Leftrightarrow X^i(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  are  $C^k$

#### 6.1.1 Lie Brackets

We wish to define  $[X, Y], X, Y \in C^\infty(TM)$ .<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>See Spivak I, 207-217

We have the map

$$\begin{aligned} C^\infty(TM) \times C^\infty(M) &\rightarrow \Gamma(M) := \{\text{functions } M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \\ (X, f) &\mapsto X \cdot f \\ (X \cdot f)(p) &:= \underbrace{X(p)}_{\in T_p M} \cdot \underbrace{f}_{\in C^\infty(M)} \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 6.1**  $X \cdot f \in C^\infty(M)$

**Proof** Use a chart

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : U &\rightarrow \psi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \\ p &\mapsto (x^1, \dots, x^n) \end{aligned}$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} (X \cdot f)(p) &= X(p) \cdot f \\ &= X^i(p) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p \cdot f \\ &= X^i(\psi^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n)) \frac{\partial(f \circ \psi^{-1})}{\partial x^i}(x^1, \dots, x^n) \end{aligned}$$

□

Consider the 2nd order differential operator  $X \cdot (Y \cdot f)$ , also written as  $XYf$ .

**Proposition 6.2** *Let  $X, Y \in C^\infty(TM)$ . Then there exists a unique vector field  $Z \in C^\infty(TM)$  such that*

$$Z \cdot f = (XY - YX)f, \quad f \in C^\infty(M)$$

Basic idea: the 2nd order derivatives cancel.

**Proof** Get an expression for  $(XY - YX)f$  in coordinates. Suppress  $\psi$ . Write

$$X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \quad Y = Y^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}.$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} XYf &= \sum_i X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left( \sum_j Y^j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} X^i Y^j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} + X^j \left( \frac{\partial Y^i}{\partial x^j} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \\ YXf &= \sum_{i,j} Y^i X^j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} + Y^j \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} \end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$(XY - YX)f = \sum_{i,j} \left( X^j \frac{\partial Y^i}{\partial x^j} - Y^j \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^j} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}.$$

Define the smooth vector field  $Z$  in the chart  $U$  by

$$Z := \sum_i Z^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \quad Z^i := \sum_j \left( X^j \frac{\partial Y^i}{\partial x^j} - Y^j \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^j} \right)$$

Then

$$Z \cdot f = (XY - YX)f$$

This shows  $Z$  is well-defined independent of parametrization, smooth and unique. □

### Definition

$$\begin{aligned} [\cdot, \cdot] : C^\infty(TM) \times C^\infty(TM) &\rightarrow C^\infty(TM) \\ [X, Y] &:= XY - YX \end{aligned}$$

(as differential operator on  $C^\infty(M)$ ) is called a *Lie bracket*.

**Proposition 6.3** *Let  $X, Y, Z \in C^\infty(TM)$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ . Then*

- i.*  $[X, Y] = -[Y, X]$  (*anticommutative*)
- ii.*  $[aX + bY, Z] = a[X, Z] + b[Y, Z]$  (*bilinear*)
- iii.*  $[[X, Y], Z] + [[Y, Z], X] + [[Z, X], Y] = 0$  (*Jacobi identity*)
- iv.*  $[fX, gY] = fg[X, Y] + f(X \cdot g)Y - g(Y \cdot f)X$

**Proof** Jacobi Identity

$$\begin{aligned} [[X, Y], Z] &= [XY - YX, Z] = (XY - YX)Z - Z(XY - YX) \\ [[Y, Z], X] &= [YZ - ZY, X] = (YZ - ZY)X - X(YZ - ZY) \\ [[Z, X], Y] &= [ZX - XZ, Y] = (ZX - XZ)Y - Y(ZX - XZ) \\ &\text{sum} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition** A vector space  $V$  equipped with a bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot] : V \times V \rightarrow V$  satisfying *i, ii, iii* is called a *Lie algebra*.

So  $C^\infty(TM)$  forms a Lie algebra.

**Example** Another famous Lie algebra:  
 $V$  vector space over a field  $\mathbb{K}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{End}_{\mathbb{K}}(V) &:= \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(V, V) \\ [A, B] &:= AB - BA\end{aligned}$$

$(\text{End}_{\mathbb{K}}(V), [\cdot, \cdot])$  is a Lie algebra.

**Example**  $M^{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}), M^{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ .

Relationships between the two kinds of  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  occurs via the *Lie Algebra of (matrix) Lie groups*.

## 6.2 Integral curves and flows of vector fields<sup>4</sup>

**Definition** An *integral curve* of  $X$  is a path  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$  such that

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = X(\gamma(t)), \quad t \in [a, b].$$

In coordinates, this is an  $n \times n$  first order ODE system. We write and obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma(t) &= (x^1(t), \dots, x^n(t)) \in U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \\ \frac{dx^1}{dt} &= X^1(x^1(t), \dots, x^n(t)) \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{dx^n}{dt} &= X^n(x^1(t), \dots, x^n(t)), \quad a \leq t \leq b.\end{aligned}$$

### 6.2.1 Existence, Uniqueness and smooth dependence on initial data

Consider the ODE system

$$(*) \begin{cases} \frac{d\gamma(t)}{dt} = X(\gamma(t)) & -a < t < b, a, b > 0 \\ \gamma(0) = p & \text{require: } \gamma \text{ is } C^1 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 6.4 (Short-term existence, uniqueness, regularity for  $\gamma$ )** Let  $X \in C^\infty(TM)$ . Then

- i.*  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that  $(*)$  has a  $C^1$  solution defined for  $-\delta < t < \delta$ .  
 (Existence)

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<sup>4</sup>See Spivak I Chap. 5.

- ii. Any  $C^1$  solution of  $(*)$  is  $C^\infty$  (Regularity)
- iii. Any two  $C^1$  solutions of  $(*)$  on  $(-a, b), (-c, d), a, b, c, d > 0$  agree on their common interval of definition  $(-a, b) \cap (-c, d)$ . (Uniqueness)

**Proof**

Analysis: Either Inverse Function Theorem on Banach spaces, or a successive approximation method<sup>5</sup>.

- ii. *Exercise*

□

**Remark**  $X \in C^k \Rightarrow$  Theorem holds but with  $\gamma$  in  $C^{k+1}$

**Dependence on Initial Conditions**

Write  $\gamma_x(t) \equiv \phi(x, t) \equiv \phi^t(x)$  (integral curve with initial point  $\gamma_x(0) = x$ ). The equation  $(*)$  becomes

$$(*)' \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \phi(x, t)}{\partial t} = X(\phi(x, t)), & x \in U, -a < t < b \\ \phi(x, 0) = x, & x \in U. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 6.5 (Dependence on initial conditions of  $\phi$ )** Let  $X \in C^\infty(TM), p \in M$ .

- i.  $\exists U \ni p, \delta > 0$  and a function ( $C^1$  in  $t$ )  $\phi : U \times (-\delta, \delta) \rightarrow M$  that solves  $(*)'$ .
- ii. Any solution of  $(*)'$  that is  $C^1$  in  $t$  is  $C^\infty$  in  $x$  and  $t$ .
- iii. Any two solutions  $\phi : U \times (-a, b) \rightarrow M, \psi : V \times (-c, d) \rightarrow M$  agree on the intersection of their domains.

**Remark**  $X \in C^k \Rightarrow \phi$  is  $C^k$  in  $(x, t)$  (recall from above that  $\phi$  is  $C^{k+1}$  in  $t$ ).

New point of view:

$$\phi_t : \underbrace{U}_{\subseteq M} \rightarrow \underbrace{\phi_t(U)}_{\subseteq M}$$

The family  $(\phi_t)_{-a < t < b}$  is called a *local flow* of  $X$ .

**Notation:**

$A \subset\subset B$  means  $\bar{A}$  is compact and  $\bar{A} \subseteq B$ , read “ $A$  compactly contained in  $B$ ”. If  $\bar{A}$  is compact, we say  $A$  is *precompact*.

<sup>5</sup>See Lang reference in Spivak I chap 5. Alternately see Riviere’s differential geometry problem last year.

**Theorem 6.6 (Larger  $U$ , smaller  $\delta$ )** For any  $U \subset\subset M \exists \delta > 0$  such that the local flow is defined on  $U \times (-\delta, \delta)$ .

**Proof** By compactness of  $\bar{U}$ , we may cover  $\bar{U}$  by finitely many open sets  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  such that there are flows (solving  $(*)'$ )

$$\phi_i : V_i \times (-\delta_i, \delta_i) \rightarrow M.$$

Set  $\delta := \min \delta_i > 0$ . Define

$$\phi : U \times (-\delta, \delta) \rightarrow M$$

by:

$$\phi := \phi_i \text{ on } V_i \times (-\delta, \delta)$$

(Consistent by uniqueness assertion (iii) in previous Theorem)

□

**Theorem 6.7 (Pseudogroup Property)** If  $\phi^t \circ \phi^s$  is defined on  $U$  for  $|s| < S, |t| < T$ , then  $\phi^u$  is defined on  $U$  for  $|u| < S + T$  and

$$\phi^{t+s} = \phi^t \circ \phi^s \text{ on } U$$

If  $\phi_t : M \rightarrow M$  exists for all time  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\phi_t$  is called a *complete flow*. Note that  $\phi_t$  injective  $\Leftrightarrow$  uniqueness of initial value problem for *backwards* flow.

**Proof** Fix  $|s| < S, |t| < T$ . Combine the two paths via

$$\alpha(u) := \begin{cases} \gamma_x(u) & 0 \leq u \leq s \\ \gamma_{\gamma_x(s)}(u - s) & s \leq u \leq s + t \end{cases}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_x(s) = y = \gamma_{\gamma_x}(0) &\Rightarrow \alpha \text{ is } C^0 \\ \dot{\gamma}_x(s) \stackrel{(*)}{=} X(y) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \dot{\gamma}_{\gamma_x(s)} &\Rightarrow \alpha \text{ is } C^1 \end{aligned}$$

Also  $\alpha$  solves  $(*)$ . So define (extend)  $\gamma$  via  $\gamma_x(u) := \alpha(u), 0 \leq u \leq t + s$ .

**Remark** (Used in above step) If  $\gamma(u), a \leq u \leq b$  solves ODE  $(*)$ , then so does the time shifted curve  $\gamma(u - k), a + k \leq u \leq b + k$ .

So  $\phi^u : U \rightarrow M$  exists,  $0 \leq u \leq t + s$  and  $\phi^t \circ \phi^s = \phi^{t+s}$ . Specifically:

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi^t \circ \phi^s(x) &= \phi^t(\phi^s(x)) \\
&= \phi^t(\gamma_x(s)) \\
&= \gamma_{\gamma_x(s)}(t) \\
&= \alpha(s + t) \\
&= \gamma_x(s + t) \\
&= \phi^{s+t}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 6.8** *Assume  $U$  open and  $\phi_t$  exists on  $U$ . Then:  $\phi_t(U)$  is open and  $\phi_t|_U : U \rightarrow \phi_t(U)$  is a diffeomorphism.*

**Proof**

i. Assume first that  $\phi_t$  is complete. Then by previous Theorem:

$$\phi_{-t} \circ \phi_t = \phi_{-t+t} = \phi_0 = \text{id}_M.$$

So  $\phi_t$  is invertible with inverse

$$(\phi_t)^{-1} = \phi_{-t} : M \rightarrow M$$

and  $\phi_{-t}$  is smooth, so  $\Rightarrow \phi_t : M \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism and  $\phi_t(U)$  open for any open  $U \subseteq M$  and  $\phi_t|_U : U \rightarrow \phi_t(U)$  is a diffeomorphism.

ii. Next we do the global case (when  $\phi_t$  is not complete).

Let  $U \subset\subset M$  and try for small  $t$ . Choose  $V$  open such that  $U \subset\subset V \subset\subset M$ . Choose  $\delta$  so small that

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi : U \times [0, \delta] &\rightarrow V \\
\phi : V \times [-\delta, 0] &\rightarrow M
\end{aligned}$$

are defined. Then

$$\phi_{-\delta} \circ \phi_\delta : U \rightarrow M$$

is defined, so by above Theorem  $\phi_{-\delta} \circ \phi_\delta = \text{id}$  on  $U$ . It follows that  $\phi_\delta|_U$  is a local diffeomorphism,  $\phi_\delta(U)$  is open, and  $\phi_\delta|_U$  is a diffeomorphism.

**Lemma 6.9** *A smooth map*

$$\phi : U \rightarrow M \quad (U \text{ open})$$

*with a smooth left inverse  $\psi : A \supseteq \phi(U) \rightarrow M$ ,  $A$  open*

$$\psi \circ \phi = \text{id}_U$$

*is a diffeomorphism and  $\phi(U)$  is open.*

- iii. Next, let  $U \subset\subset M$  and let  $t > 0$  be an arbitrary time such that  $\phi_t$  exists on  $\bar{U}$ . Choose  $V$  open such that

$$\phi(\bar{U} \times [0, t]) \subset\subset V \subset\subset M.$$

For  $\delta$  small enough,  $\phi_\delta$  will be defined on  $V$  and  $\phi_\delta : V \rightarrow \phi_\delta(V)$  will be a diffeomorphism. Making  $\delta$  slightly smaller, we can arrange

$$t = k\delta, \phi_t = \underbrace{\phi_\delta \circ \cdots \circ \phi_\delta}_k$$

on  $U$ . Thus  $\phi_t|_U$  is a diffeomorphism onto the open set  $\phi_t(U)$ .

- iv. Now let  $U \subseteq M$  be an arbitrary open set and let  $\phi_t$  be defined on  $U$ . For every  $V \subset\subset U$ ,  $\phi_t(V)$  is open and  $\phi_t|_V : V \rightarrow \phi_t(V)$  is a diffeomorphism. It follows that  $\phi_t(U)$  is open and  $\phi_t|_U : U \rightarrow \phi_t(U)$  is a diffeomorphism.

Get in succession:

$$\phi_\delta : V \rightarrow \phi_\delta(V) \text{ diffeomorphism, } \phi_\delta(V) \text{ open}$$

$$U \subseteq V, \text{ so } \phi_\delta(U) \text{ is open}$$

$$\phi_\delta|_U : U \rightarrow \phi_\delta(U) \text{ diffeomorphism}$$

$$\phi_\delta(U) \subseteq V, \text{ so } \phi_\delta(\phi_\delta(U)) \text{ is open}$$

$$\phi_\delta|_{\phi_\delta(U)} : \phi_\delta(U) \rightarrow \phi(\phi_\delta(U)) \text{ diffeomorphism}$$

$$\text{Thus } \phi_{2\delta} = \phi_\delta \circ \phi_\delta : U \rightarrow \phi_\delta \circ \phi_\delta(U) \text{ diffeomorphism}$$

$$\text{Induction } \Rightarrow \phi_t : U \rightarrow \phi_t(U) \text{ diffeomorphic}$$

$$\phi_t(U) \text{ is open.}$$

□

### Remark on uniqueness

$$\dot{x}(t) = X(x(t)), x(t) \in U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

Sufficient conditions for uniqueness:  $X$  is *Lipschitz*.



**Example** Fix  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Consider

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = x(t)^\alpha, & t \geq 0 \\ x(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Solving, we find a solution

$$x(t) = ((1 - \alpha)t)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}, t \geq 0$$

In fact, we have *two* solutions

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &:= \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq 0 \\ ((1 - \alpha)t)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}, & t \geq 0 \end{cases} \\ y(t) &:= 0 \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{1}{1-\alpha} > 1$ ,  $x(t)$  is  $C^1$  in  $t$ .

**Question** How far can we extend the flow?

**Definition** A vector field is called *complete* if it possesses a flow  $\phi_t : M \rightarrow M$  defined for all  $-\infty < t < \infty$ .

**Remark** Then  $t \mapsto \phi_t$  defines a 1-parameter subgroup of  $\text{Diff}(M)$ , or equivalently, a smooth action of  $\mathbb{R}$  on  $M$ .

**Example**

$$X(x, y) := (x, -y) \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^2$$

A typical solution traces out a curve:  $xy = \text{const}$ , and has the form

$$\gamma(t) := (C_1 e^t, C_2 e^{-t}), t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

So this  $X$  is complete.

**Example**

$$\dot{x} = x^2, x(t) \in M := \mathbb{R}, X(x) = x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}.$$

Solution:  $x(t) = \frac{1}{c-t}$ ,  $-\infty < t < c$  (or  $c < t < \infty$ ) *So this  $X$  is incomplete.*

**Example** Clearly

$$\dot{y} = 1, y(t) \in N := (-\infty, 0)$$

*is incomplete*

Transform the equation to  $x = -\frac{1}{y}$ ,  $\dot{x} = \frac{\dot{y}}{y^2} = \frac{1}{(1/x)^2} = x^2$ . It becomes equivalent to the previous problem, with  $M = (0, \infty)$ . In both cases, the trajectory runs off the end of the manifold in finite time

**Example**

$$X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

Typically incomplete.

**Corollary 6.10 (to group property and short-time existence)** *If  $\phi : U \times [0, T) \rightarrow M$  and  $\phi(U \times [0, T)) \subset\subset M$  then  $\phi$  can be extended to a solution  $\phi : U \times [0, T + \delta) \rightarrow M$  for some  $\delta > 0$ .*

**Proof** Pick  $V$  such that

$$\phi(U \times [0, T)) \subseteq V \subset\subset M$$

$\phi_t$  is defined on  $V$  for  $0 \leq t < T$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that there is a local flow

$$\phi : V \times [0, \delta) \rightarrow M.$$

Then  $\phi_s$  is defined on  $V$  for  $0 \leq s < \delta$ . Apply the group property to yield

$$\phi^{s+t} = \phi^s \circ \phi^t = \phi^u, \quad 0 \leq u < T + \delta,$$

i.e. we can extend  $\phi$  to

$$\phi : U \times [0, T + \delta) \rightarrow M.$$

□

**Significance** A trajectory  $\gamma(t)$  can be continued as long as it stays in a compact set of  $M$ . (i.e. if  $[0, T)$  is the *maximum* time of existence of  $\gamma(t)$ , then  $\gamma(t)$  must leave every compact set of  $M$ .)

**Corollary 6.11** *If  $M$  is compact, then every smooth vector field on  $M$  is complete.*

**Theorem 6.12** *If  $X \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  has at most linear growth, i.e.*

$$|X(x)| \leq C_1|x| + C_2, x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

*then  $X$  is complete.*

**Example**

$$\dot{x} = x, \quad \dot{x} = x + 1, \quad \dot{x} = \begin{cases} \log x, & x \geq 1 \\ \dots & x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

**Proof** Let  $\dot{x}(t) = X(x(t))$ ,  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $X : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .  
It follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |x(t)| &= \left\langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{x}{|x|} \right\rangle \\ &\leq \left| \frac{dx}{dt} \right| \\ &= |X(x(t))| \\ &\leq C_1 |x(t)| + C_2 \end{aligned}$$

Compare  $|x(t)|$  to the solution of

$$\begin{cases} \frac{da}{dt} = C_1 a + C_2, & a(t) \in \mathbb{R} \\ a(0) = |x(0)| \end{cases}$$

□

**Lemma 6.13**

$$|x(t)| \leq a(t), t \geq 0$$

**Proof** Let  $b(t) := |x(t)| - a(t)$ . Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{db}{dt} &= \frac{d|x(t)|}{dt} - \frac{da}{dt} \\ &\leq C_1 |x| + C_2 - (C_1 a + C_2) \\ &= C_1 b. \end{aligned}$$

So  $b(t)$  solves:

$$\begin{cases} b(0) = 0 \\ \frac{db(t)}{dt} \leq C_1 b(t) \end{cases}$$

**Claim**

$$b(t) \leq 0 \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

To see this, we argue as follows.

On the open set  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  where we compute that  $b(t) > 0$ , set  $B(t) := \log b(t)$ .  
Write  $I = \cup_{\alpha} (a_{\alpha}, b_{\alpha})$ , where  $(a_{\alpha}, b_{\alpha}) \cap (a_{\beta}, b_{\beta}) = \emptyset$ .  $\frac{dB}{dt} \leq C_1$ .

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Now } B(t) \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as} & t \rightarrow a_{\alpha}^+ & \text{inside } (a_{\alpha}, b_{\alpha}) \\ \text{so } B(t) - C_1 t \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as} & t \rightarrow a_{\alpha}^+ & \end{array}$$

but  $B(t) - C_1 t$  is nonincreasing. *This is impossible.* Thus  $I = \emptyset$ .

This proves the claim.

Upshot:

$$|x(t)| \leq a(t) = \left( |x(0)| + \frac{C_2}{C_1} \right) e^{C_1 t} - \frac{C_2}{C_1}$$

which is finite, as long as  $0 \leq t < T$ . This shows:  $x([0, T])$  lies in a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for any  $T < \infty$ . Thus:  $x(t)$  can be continued forever (i.e.  $\forall t$ ).

□

**Theorem 6.14** *Let  $X \in C^\infty(TM)$ . Fix  $p \in M$ . If  $X(p) \neq 0$ , then there are coordinates  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  near  $p$  with  $X(q) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \right)_q$  for all  $q$  near  $p$ .*

Meaning: There are no local invariants of nonzero vector fields (they are all the same, locally).

**Proof** Choose coords  $y^1, \dots, y^n$  on a small neighborhood  $U \ni p$  such that

$$X(p) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} \right)_p, \quad p = (0, \dots, 0).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi: \quad U \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) &\rightarrow M \\ (y^1, \dots, y^n, t) &\mapsto (\phi^1, \dots, \phi^n). \end{aligned}$$

Now  $N := U \cap \{y^1 = 0\}$  is a submanifold of  $M$  passing through  $p$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} \psi := \phi|_{N \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)}: \quad N \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) &\rightarrow M \\ (y^2, \dots, y^n, t) &\mapsto (\psi^1, \dots, \psi^n) \end{aligned}$$

Concretely.  $\psi^i(y^2, \dots, y^n, t) := \phi^i(0, y^2, \dots, y^n, t)$ . We wish to apply the Inverse Function Theorem to  $\psi$  at the point

$$(p, 0) \in N \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon), \quad \psi(p, 0) = p,$$

to prove that  $(y^2, \dots, y^n, t)$  can be taken as coordinates on  $M$  near  $p$ . For  $(q, t) \in N \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ :

$$(d\psi)_{(q,t)} : T_{(q,t)}(N \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)) = T_q N \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T_{\psi(q,t)} M$$

Compute for  $(q, t) \in N \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (d\psi)_{(q,t)} \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_{(q,t)} \right) &= \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}(q, t) \\ &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}(q, t) \\ &= X(\phi(q, t)) \\ &= X(\psi(q, t)). \end{aligned}$$

At  $(p, 0)$ , we have:

$$\psi(p, 0) = p$$

$$d\psi_{(p,0)} : \begin{matrix} T_q N \times \mathbb{R} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y^2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} T_p M \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^n} \end{matrix}.$$

We get

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_{p,0} \mapsto X(p) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} \right)_p \quad (\text{by above})$$

and

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \right)_{(p,0)} \mapsto \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \right)_p \quad i = 2, \dots, n$$

since  $\psi|_{N \times \{0\}}$  is just the inclusion  $N \rightarrow M$ . Thus  $(d\psi)_{(p,0)}$  is an isomorphism, so by Inverse Function Theorem,

$$\psi : V \times (-\delta, \delta) \rightarrow W \subseteq M$$

is a diffeomorphism for some small  $p \in V \subseteq N, p \in W \subseteq M, \delta > 0$ . So we may take  $(y^2, \dots, y^n, t)$  as coordinates on  $W$ . For  $r := \psi(q, t) \in W$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_r &= (d\psi)_{(q,t)} \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_{q,t} \right) \\ &= X(\psi(q, t)) \\ &= X(r) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition** (Codimension) Let  $M^n$  be a manifold,  $N^k \subseteq M^n$  a submanifold of  $M$ . Then the codimension of  $N$  inside  $M$  is  $\dim M - \dim N = n - k$ .

## 6.3 Lie Derivatives

### Pushforward and Pullback of Vector fields

$$f : M \rightarrow N$$

**Definition** (Pushforward) Given  $X \in C^\infty(TM)$  we wish to produce  $f_*(X) \in C^\infty(TN)$

If  $f$  is *bijective*, define the *pushforward of  $X$  via  $f$*  by

$$f_*(X)(q) := df_{f^{-1}(q)} (X(f^{-1}(q))) \in T_q(N) \quad \forall q \in N.$$

**Definition** (Pullback)

$$f^*(X) \in C^\infty(TM) \leftarrow X \in C^\infty(TN)$$

If  $df_p : T_pM \rightarrow T_{f(p)}N$  is bijective  $\forall p \in M$ , define the *pullback of  $X$  via  $f$*  by

$$f^*(X)(p) := (df_p)^{-1}(X(f(p)))$$

**Easy case:**  $f$  is a diffeomorphism  $\Rightarrow f_*, f^*$  are both defined.

**Proposition 6.15** (*Exercise*)

i.  $f_*(X), f^*(Y)$  are smooth if  $X, Y$  are smooth

ii. Given

$$M \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g \circ f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} N \xrightarrow{g} P,$$

$$X \in C^\infty(TM), Z \in C^\infty(TP)$$

We have

$$g_* f_* X = (g \circ f)_*(X)$$

$$f^* g^* Z = (g \circ f)^*(Z)$$

iii.  $f$  a diffeomorphism  $\Rightarrow f^* Y = (f^{-1})_* Y, f_* X = (f^{-1})^* X, f^* f_* X = X, f_* f^* Y = Y.$

## Lie Derivative

We wish to define  $L_X Y, X, Y \in C^\infty(TM)$ . We wish to differentiate  $Y$  in the direction of  $X$ .

Let  $X, Y \in C^\infty(TM)$ . Let  $\phi_t$  be the flow of  $X$ . Idea: look forward along the flow of  $X$  to see how  $Y$  is changing. We must pull back  $Y$  by  $\phi_t$  to make the comparison.

$\phi_t^*(Y)$ : family of vector fields on  $M$ , with starting value

$$\phi_0^*(Y) = \text{id}_M^*(Y) = Y \quad (t = 0).$$

## Definition

$$\begin{aligned} L_X Y(p) &:= \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_0 \phi_t^*(Y)(p) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_t^*(Y)(p) - Y(p)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(d\phi_p^t)^{-1}(Y(\phi_t(p))) - Y(p)}{t} \in T_p M \end{aligned}$$

The subtraction is permitted because  $\phi_t^*(Y)(p)$  and  $Y(p)$  both live in  $T_p M$ .

**Proposition 6.16** *If  $X, Y \in C^\infty(TM)$ , then the definition exists,  $L_X Y$  is a smooth vector field, and*

$$L_X Y = [X, Y]. \quad (\dagger)$$

**Proposition 6.17**

*i.*  $f^*(L_X Y) = L_{f^*X} f^*Y$

*ii.*  $f^*[X, Y] = [f^*X, f^*Y]$  if  $df_p$  is bijective  $\forall p$ , i.e  $f$  is a local diffeomorphism.

We leave *ii* as an exercise.

**Proof** of *i*)

Assume  $f$  is any local diffeomorphism, work in a small neighborhood and  $f$  becomes a diffeomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 N & X & Y & L_X Y & \phi_t & \text{flow of } X \\
 \uparrow f & \downarrow f^* & \downarrow f^* & \downarrow f^* & \downarrow f^* & \\
 M & \tilde{X} & \tilde{Y} & \widetilde{L_X Y} & \tilde{\phi}_t & \text{flow of } Y \text{ (proof below)}
 \end{array}$$

To prove:  $\widetilde{L_X Y} = L_{\tilde{X}} \tilde{Y}$ .

**Claim** The pullback of a flow of  $X$  is a flow of the pullback of  $X$

**Proof** (of claim)

For simplicity, just do the case where  $X$  is complete.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 N & \xrightarrow{\phi_t} & N \\
 \uparrow f & & \uparrow f \\
 M & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}_t} & M
 \end{array}$$

Let  $\phi_t$  be the flow of  $X$ . Then

$$\tilde{\phi}_t := f^{-1} \circ \phi_t \circ f := f^*(\phi_t)$$

is the flow of  $f^*(X)$

Note  $d(f^{-1})_q = ((df)_{f^{-1}(q)})^{-1}$ , where  $q = f(p)$ .

Compute

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{\phi}_t(p) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f^{-1} \circ \phi_t \circ f(p) \\
&= d(f^{-1})_{\phi_t(f(p))} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\phi_t(f(p))) \right) \\
&= (df_{f^{-1}(\phi_t(f(p)))})^{-1} (X(\phi_t(f(p)))) \\
&= (df_{\tilde{\phi}_t(p)})^{-1} \left( X(\underbrace{f(f^{-1}(\phi_t(f(p))))}_{\tilde{\phi}_t(p)}) \right) \\
&= f^*(X) (\tilde{\phi}_t(p)) \\
&= \tilde{X} (\tilde{\phi}_t(p)).
\end{aligned}$$

□

We return to the proof of  $L_{\tilde{X}} \tilde{Y} = \widetilde{L_X Y}$ . Compute

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{\tilde{X}} \tilde{Y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big|_0 \tilde{\phi}_t^*(\tilde{Y}) \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big|_0 (f^{-1} \circ \phi_t \circ f)^*(f^*Y) \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big|_0 f^* \phi_t^*(f^{-1})^* f^*Y \\
&= f^* \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big|_0 (\phi_t^*Y) \\
&= f^*(L_X Y) \\
&=: \widetilde{L_X Y}
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Proof** of †. Both sides are well-defined, coordinate free concepts, as shown by the Lemma. Thus it suffices to prove claim (†) in a chart,  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . That is, we prove it for the push forwards of  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $V \subseteq M$  to  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  via the chart  $\psi : V \rightarrow U$ , then pull back the result to  $M$ .

So let  $X, Y \in C^\infty(U, \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  open, fix  $p \in U$ . Let  $\phi_t$  be a local flow of  $X$  near  $p$ . (defined on  $p \in V \subset\subset U$ ,  $-\delta < t < \delta$ ).



Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} Z(p) &:= L_X Y(p) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 \phi_t^*(Y)(p) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 (d\phi_t(p))^{-1} (Y(\phi_t(p))) \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$d\phi_t(p) : T_p U = \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{\phi_t(p)} U = \mathbb{R}^n.$$

□

**Lemma 6.18** *Let  $A(t) : V \rightarrow W$  be a smooth family of invertible linear maps. Then*

$$\frac{d}{dt} A(t)^{-1} = -A(t)^{-1} \frac{d}{dt} A(t) \circ A(t)^{-1}$$

**Proof** Write  $B(t) := A(t)^{-1}$  so differentiate  $A(t) \circ B(t) = I$  get  $A'(t) \circ B(t) + A(t) \circ B'(t) = 0$ . Now solve for  $B'(t)$ :

$$B'(t) = -A(t)^{-1} \circ A'(t) \circ A(t)^{-1}.$$

□

Continue with the computation of  $L_X Y$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Z(p) &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 (d\phi_t(p))^{-1} (Y(\phi_0(p))) + \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 (d\phi_0(p))^{-1} (Y(\phi_t(p))) \\ &= -d\phi_0(p)^{-1} \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 d\phi_t(p) d\phi_0(p)^{-1} (Y(p)) + \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 Y(\phi_t(p)) \\ &= -\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 d\phi_t(p) (Y(p)) + \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 Y(\phi_t(p)) \end{aligned}$$

We used the fact that  $\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 f(t, 0) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 f(t, t) - \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 f(0, t)$ . Now we use the coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  explicitly<sup>6</sup>. Write

$$Z = (Z^i) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$d\phi_t(p) = \left( \frac{\partial \phi_t^i(p)}{\partial x^j} \right) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

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<sup>6</sup>They were already used subtly in the first line above, by subtracting  $Y(p)$  from  $Y(\phi_t(p))$

$$X = (X^i), \quad X^i(p) = \left. \frac{\partial \phi_t^i(p)}{\partial t} \right|_0, \quad Y = (Y^i).$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} Z^i &= - \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right|_0 \frac{\partial \phi_t^i(p)}{\partial x^j} Y^j(p) + \left. \frac{\partial Y^i}{\partial x^j}(p) \frac{\partial \phi_t^j}{\partial t} \right|_0 (p) \\ &= - \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial \phi_t^i(p)}{\partial t} \right|_0 Y^j(p) + \left. \frac{\partial Y^i}{\partial x^j}(p) X^j(p) \right|_0 \\ &= - \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^j} Y^j(p) + \frac{\partial Y^i}{\partial x^j} X^j(p) = [X, Y]^i \end{aligned}$$

So we get the important formula:

$$\boxed{(L_X Y)^i = - \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^j} Y^j + \frac{\partial Y^i}{\partial x^j} X^j = [X, Y]^i}$$

i.e.  $L_X Y = [X, Y]$ , as desired.

□

**Corollary 6.19**

$$L_X Y = -L_Y X.$$

**Interpretation of  $[X, Y]$  via the flows of  $X$  and  $Y$**

*Construction:* Fix  $p$ . Set

$$f(s, t) := \psi_{-s} \circ \phi_{-t} \circ \psi_s \circ \phi_t(p)$$

Where  $\phi_t$  is the flow of  $X$  and  $\psi_s$  the flow of  $Y$ .

**Question:** How does  $f(s, t)$  differ from  $p$ ?

**Theorem 6.20** *In any coordinate system*

$$f(s, t) = p + st[X, Y](p) + O((|s| + |t|)^3)$$

(for  $s, t$  small).

This says: the flows commute up to 1st order, and the (2nd order) discrepancy is measured by  $[X, Y]$ .

**Proof** Exercise.

□

**Theorem 6.21**

$$[X, Y] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \psi_s \circ \phi_t = \phi_t \circ \psi_s$$

**Proof**  $\Leftarrow$  by above (differentiation) $\Rightarrow$  exercise (integration)

□

**Definition** If  $[X, Y] = 0$ , we say  $X, Y$  commute.**Example**

- $[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}] = 0$
- $[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}] = [\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}] + [\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}] = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

**Corollary 6.22** Fix  $p$ . If  $X(p), Y(p)$  are linearly independent and  $[X, Y] = 0$  near  $p$ , then there are coordinates near  $p$  with

$$X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \quad Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}$$

**Proof** of Corollary Take  $s, t$  as coordinates, defining

$$\Psi(s, t) := \psi_s(\phi_t(p)) \quad (= \phi_t(\psi_s(p)))$$

$$\Psi : \mathbb{R}^2 \supseteq U \ni (0, 0) \rightarrow M \quad \text{smooth}$$

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} d\Psi_{(s,t)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Psi(s, t) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \psi_s(\phi_t(p)) \\ &= Y(\psi_s(\phi_t(p))) \\ &= Y(\Psi(s, t)) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly here we use, that the flows commute

$$d\Psi_{(s,t)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) = X(\Psi(s, t)).$$

**Note**

$$d\Psi_{(0,0)} : \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mapsto Y(p) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mapsto X(p) \end{array} \right\} \text{linearly independent}$$

so  $d\Psi_{(0,0)}$  is an isomorphism, so  $\Psi$  is a diffeomorphism near  $(0,0)$ , so  $s, t$  are valid smooth coordinates on a neighborhood of  $p$ , and the coordinate vector field  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right)_q$  (for  $q = \Psi(s, t)$  near  $p$ ) is given by  $d\Psi_{(s,t)}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right)$ , which is  $Y(q)$  as we have just seen. Similarly,  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)_q = X(q)$ .

□

### Interpretations of Jacobi Identity

Recall the Jacobi identity

$$[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0.$$

i. Rewrite the Jacobi identity as

$$L_X[Y, Z] = [Y, L_X Z] + [L_X Y, Z]$$

A Leibniz rule relating  $L_X$  to the  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  product. One says:  $L_X$  is a *derivation* for  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ .

ii. Rewrite the Jacobi identity as

$$L_{[X,Y]}Z = L_X L_Y Z - L_Y L_X Z$$

i.e.

$$L_{[X,Y]} = L_X \circ L_Y - L_Y \circ L_X (=: [[L_X, L_Y]]).$$

The later bracket operator,  $[[\cdot, \cdot]]$  is the anticommutator defined on any algebra of endomorphisms. So

$$\begin{array}{l} L : C^\infty(TM) \rightarrow \text{End}(C^\infty(TM)) \\ X \quad \mapsto L_X \end{array}$$

so  $L$  is a *bracket homomorphism* from  $(C^\infty(TM), [\cdot, \cdot])$  to  $(\text{End}(C^\infty(TM)), [[\cdot, \cdot]])$

## 7 Riemannian Metrics

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**Definition** Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold. A (smooth) Riemannian metric on  $M$  is a choice of inner product

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_p : T_p M \times T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

on each tangent space, that is smooth in the sense defined below.

- bilinear, symmetric
- positive definite, i.e.

$$\langle X, X \rangle_p > 0, \forall X \neq 0.$$

**Notation:** Also write  $g_p$  or  $g(p)$  for  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_p$ . Write  $g$  for the map  $p \mapsto g_p$ . We call  $(M, g)$  a Riemannian manifold.

### Coordinate Expression

Let  $U \subseteq M$ ,  $X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ ,  $Y = Y^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$  on  $U$ .

Write

$$\begin{aligned} g(p)(X(p), Y(p)) &= g(p) \left( X^i(p) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p, Y^j(p) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right)_p \right) \\ &= X^i(p) Y^j(p) g(p) \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p, \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right)_p \right) \\ &= X^i(p) Y^j(p) g_{ij}(p) \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$g_{ij}(p) := g(p) \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_p, \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right)_p \right)$$

We say  $g$  is  $C^\infty$  iff  $g_{ij}$  is  $C^\infty$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ .

### Change of variables

Let  $\phi := \psi_2 \circ \psi_1^{-1}$  be an overlap map. Say

$$d\phi_p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \mapsto \frac{\partial \phi^j}{\partial x^i}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}$$

or from another view point  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\right)_p = \frac{\partial \phi^j}{\partial x^i}(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}\right)_p$  in  $T_p M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} g'_{ij}(x^1, \dots, x^n) &= \left\langle \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\right)_p, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}\right)_p \right\rangle_p \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi^k}{\partial x^i}(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^k}\right)_p, \frac{\partial \phi^\ell}{\partial x^j}(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^\ell}\right)_p \right\rangle_p \\ &= \frac{\partial \phi^k}{\partial x^i}(x^1, \dots, x^n) \frac{\partial \phi^\ell}{\partial x^j}(x^1, \dots, x^n) g_{k\ell}(y^1, \dots, y^n) \end{aligned}$$

where  $y^i = \phi^i(x^1, \dots, x^n)$ .

Briefly written:  $g'_{ij} = \frac{\partial \phi^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial \phi^\ell}{\partial x^j} g_{k\ell}$  (Change of variables)

**Consequence:** If  $g$  is smooth in one coordinate system, then  $g$  is smooth in all other coordinate systems.

Some things we get from a metric:

$$|X|_p := \sqrt{\langle X, X \rangle_p}$$

- lengths and angles in  $T_p M$
- lengths of paths
- distance
- volume
- covariant differentiation
- etc. . .

Preferred identification of  $(T_p M)^*$  with  $T_p M$ .

**Example** (Poincaré ball model of hyperbolic space)

$$g_{ij}(x) := \frac{4\delta_{ij}}{(1 - |x|_{\text{euc}}^2)^2}, \quad x \in B_1^n$$

where  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Euclidean metric

$$X^i \delta_{ij} Y^j = \sum_i X^i Y^i$$

Let  $\gamma$  be the path

$$\gamma(t) := (0, t) \in B^2$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\gamma}(t) &= (0, 1) \\ |\dot{\gamma}|_g^2 &= \langle \dot{\gamma}(t), \dot{\gamma}(t) \rangle_{g(\gamma(t))} \\ &= \frac{4\delta_{ij}\dot{\gamma}^i(t)\dot{\gamma}^j(t)}{(1 - |\gamma(t)|_{euc}^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{4|\dot{\gamma}(t)|_{euc}^2}{(1 - |\gamma(t)|_{euc}^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{4 \cdot 1}{(1 - t^2)^2} \\ |\dot{\gamma}(t)|_g &= \frac{2}{1 - t^2} \\ L(\gamma) &= \int_{t=0}^{t=1} |\dot{\gamma}(t)| dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=1} \frac{2}{1 - t^2} dt = \infty \end{aligned}$$

Then hyperbolic space is

$$\mathbb{H}^n := (B_1^n, g_{ij})$$

Homogeneous<sup>7</sup>, isotropic<sup>8</sup>, constant curvature  $K = -1$ . It is the only space with these properties (up to isometry).

**Exercise** Find an isometry of  $\mathbb{H}^2$  that takes  $(0, 0)$  to  $(a, 0)$ .

**Theorem 7.1** *Every smooth manifold that is a union of countably many coordinate charts can be given a Riemannian metric.*

**Remark** For manifolds, “union of countably many coordinate charts”  $\Leftrightarrow$  2nd countable.

Let  $\text{Sym}^2(V^*)$  be the symmetric bilinear forms  $T$  on  $V$ .  $\text{Sym}_+^2(V^*) := \{T \in \text{Sym}^2(V^*) \mid (X, X) > 0 \forall X \in T_p M\}$ .

**Proposition 7.2**  *$\text{Sym}_+^2(V^*)$  is a convex cone in the vector space  $\text{Sym}^2(V^*)$ .*

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<sup>7</sup>all points look the same

<sup>8</sup>all directions look the same

## 7.1 Pullbacks of Metrics

Suppose  $f : M^n \rightarrow (N^p, g)$  is smooth. Define the *pullback of  $g$  by  $f$* , on  $M$  via

$$f^*(g)_p : T_p M \times T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, p \in M,$$

$$f^*(g)(p)(X, Y) := g(f(p))(df_p(X), df_p(Y)), X, Y \in T_p M.$$

**Remark** concerning  $f^*(g)$

- $f^*(g)_{ij}(x) = \frac{\partial f^k}{\partial x^i}(x) \frac{\partial f^\ell}{\partial x^j}(x) g_{k\ell}(f(x))$  (verify!)
- pullback is *always* defined (no bijectivity requirements, in contrast to the case of vectors)
- $f^*(g)$  is bilinear, symmetric, nonnegative
- $f^*(g)$  is positive definite  $\Leftrightarrow df_p$  is injective (so:  $f$  immersion  $\Rightarrow f^*(g)$  is a Riemannian metric)
- If  $f$  is a diffeomorphism then  $f^*(g)$  is a perfect copy of  $g$ .

**Definition** An *isometry* is a diffeomorphism

$$f : (M, g) \rightarrow (N, h)$$

such that  $f^*(h) = g$ .

**Definition**

$$\text{Isom}((M, g)) := \{f : M \rightarrow M \mid f^*(g) = g \text{ and } f \text{ a diffeomorphism}\}$$

**Example**  $\text{Isom}((S^n, \text{round})) \cong O(n)$

**Example** (Poincaré upper half-plane model of hyperbolic space) Set  $H := \{z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} \mid \Im z > 0\}$ ,  $\hat{g}_{ij}(z) := \frac{\delta_{ij}}{y^2}$ . We obtain a second definition of hyperbolic space

$$\mathbb{H}^2 := (H, \hat{g}_{ij}).$$

**Exercise** i. Find an isometry from the upper half-plane model to the Poincaré disk model:

$$(H, \hat{g}) \rightarrow (B_1^2, g)$$



ii. Show that the orientation preserving isometries of  $(H, \hat{g})$  are

$$z \mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \quad ad - bc > 0, \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$$

iii. Show

$$\text{Isom}((H, g)) \cong \text{GL}_+(2, \mathbb{R}) / \mathbb{R} \cdot \mathbb{1} \cong \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) / \{\pm \mathbb{1}\} =: \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$$

(real) projective special linear group

iv. Show  $\mathbb{H}^2$  is homogeneous and isotropic, i.e.

$$\text{homogenous: } \forall p, q \in \mathbb{H}^2 \exists \text{ isometry } p \mapsto q.$$

$$\text{isotropic at } p: \forall X, Y \in T_p \mathbb{H}^2 \exists \text{ isometry fixing } p \text{ and taking } X \mapsto Y$$

**Definition** An *isometric immersion* of  $(M, g)$  into  $(N, h)$  is an immersion  $f : M \rightarrow N$  such that  $f^*(h) = g$ . We call  $f^*(h)$  the *metric induced by the immersion*.

**Example** Let  $M \subseteq (N, h)$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} i : M &\rightarrow N \\ x &\mapsto x \end{aligned}$$

be the inclusion map. Then  $i^*(h)$  is the same as the induced metric we defined weeks ago, namely

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_p^M := \langle X, Y \rangle_p^N \quad \forall p \in M, \forall X, Y \in T_p M$$

**Theorem 7.3 (Nash Embedding Theorem (hard))**  $(M^n, g)$  Riemannian manifold compact (union of countable many charts). Then  $\exists$  isometric embedding

$$(M, g) \xrightarrow{f} (\mathbb{R}^p, \delta)$$

for some large  $p$ . (Here  $\delta$  is the the standard metric on  $\mathbb{R}^p$ .)

## 7.2 Metrics on Lie groups

**Theorem 7.4** Every Lie group possesses a left-invariant metric, i.e a metric  $g$  such that

$$L_a^*(g) = g \quad \forall a \in G$$

where (recall)

$$\begin{aligned} L_a : G &\rightarrow G \\ b &\mapsto ab. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** Let  $g(e)$  be any inner product on  $T_eG$ . Where  $e \in G$  is the identity element.

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} L_a : G &\rightarrow G \\ e &\mapsto a \\ (dL_a)_e : T_eG &\rightarrow T_aG \end{aligned}$$

Copy  $g(e)$  from  $T_eG$  to  $T_aG$  via  $(dL_a)_e$ : for  $X, Y \in T_aG$ , set

$$g(a)(X, Y) := g(e) \left( (dL_a)_e^{-1}(X), (dL_a)_e^{-1}(Y) \right)$$

It is trivial to verify that  $g$  is invariant under left translation by *any*  $L_b : G \rightarrow G$ ,  $b \in G$ . One checks that  $L_b : G \rightarrow G$  is an isometry i.e.  $(dL_b)_a : (T_aG, g(a)) \rightarrow (T_{ba}G, g(ba))$  is an isometry  $\forall a \in G$ .

□

**Exercise** Prove a left-invariant metric on a Lie group is smooth.

**Theorem 7.5** *Every Lie group has at least one left-invariant metric.*

**Exercise** Show that the metric induced on  $SO(n)$  by the standard inclusion

$$SO(n) \subseteq M^{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$$

is both left and right invariant ( $=$ : *bi-invariant*). Note that  $M^{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  gets the metric induced by the inner product

$$\langle A, B \rangle := \sum_{i,j} A_i^j B_i^j$$

**Theorem 7.6** *Every compact Lie group has a bi-invariant metric<sup>9</sup>.*

**Example** We already saw that

$$L_a, R_a : S^3 \rightarrow S^3$$

are isometries.

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<sup>9</sup>Do Carmo p-46 prob 7, Lee p.46 prob 3-10,11,12

### 7.3 Volume and Integrals

Given a metric  $g$  and some map  $u : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let us define integration on  $M$

$$\int u \, d\mu \equiv \int_M u(x) \, d\mu_g(x)$$

#### 3 ways to define it

- volume  $n$ -form: a section of  $C^\infty(\wedge^n T^*M)$ , namely  $\sqrt{\det g_{ij}} dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n$ 
  - has a sign
  - $M$  must be orientable
  - requires *exterior algebra*<sup>10</sup> ( $k$ -forms)
- Hausdorff measure  $\mathcal{H}^n$ 
  - valid in any metric space  $\mathcal{H}^n$
  - valid for any  $\alpha \in [0, \infty)$
  - requires measure theory
- define in charts

$$\int_U f(x^1, \dots, x^n) \sqrt{\det g_{ij}(x)} dx^1 \dots dx^n$$

*easiest*

#### Basic Formula in a Chart

Let  $(U, g_{ij}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . Define

$$\int_U f \, d\mu_g := \int_U f(x) \sqrt{\det g_{ij}(x)} dx^1 \dots dx^n \quad (\dagger\dagger)$$

#### Definition

- $C_c^0(M) := \{\text{continuous functions } M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ with compact support}\}$
- support of  $u$ :  $\text{supp} := \overline{\{x | u(x) \neq 0\}}$

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<sup>10</sup>Differential Topology

### Desired properties of integration

$$I_g : u \mapsto \int_M u d\mu_g$$

- i.  $I_g : C_c^0(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  linear (over  $\mathbb{R}$ )
- ii.  $I_g$  positive, i.e.  $u \geq 0 \Rightarrow I_g(u) \geq 0$ .
- iii.  $I_g$  agrees with the usual integral on flat  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- iv. (*Change of Variables / Area formula*)

If  $\phi : (M, g) \xrightarrow{\phi} (N, h)$  is  $C^1$  and bijective then

$$\int_N u(y) d\mu_h(y) = \int_M u(\phi(x)) |J\phi(x)|_{g,h} d\mu_g(x)$$

for any  $u \in C_c^0$ . Here  $|J\phi(x)|$  is the volume expansion factor (Jacobian determinant) from  $(T_x M, g(x))$  to  $(T_{\phi(x)} N, h(\phi(x)))$

**Theorem 7.7** *There exists a unique system of maps*

$$u \mapsto \int_M u d\mu_g$$

*with properties (i)-(iv). They are given locally by formula (††).*

**Remark** (for measure theory experts)

$I_g \xleftrightarrow{\text{Riesz Rep. Thm}} \text{Radon measure } \mu_g$ .

$I_g$  is a linear functional satisfying (i), (ii) and  $|\int u d\mu_g| \leq C(K) \text{supp}|u|$  for  $\text{spt } u \subseteq K \subseteq M$ , with  $K$  compact.

$\mu_g$  is called the *Riemannian volume measure of  $g$* .

**Definition of the Jacobian determinant** Suppose we are given

$$L : (V, g) \rightarrow (W, h) \text{ linear}$$

$(V, g)$  and  $(W, h)$  being inner product spaces. Define

$$|JL| \equiv |JL|_{g,h} := \sqrt{\det(L^T L)}$$

Where the transpose  $L^T : W \rightarrow V$  is characterized by  $g(v, L^T w) = h(Lv, w)$

## Motivation

Suppose  $L : V \rightarrow V$  is linear. Then  $\det L \in \mathbb{R}$  is defined (independent of coordinates and metrics!) Where as if  $L : V \rightarrow W$ , then  $\det L$  is *not* defined. We note that  $L^T L : V \rightarrow V$  is symmetric with respect to the inner product  $g$ , i.e.  $g(v_1, L^T L v_2) = g(L^T L v_1, v_2)$ .

**Lemma 7.8 (Singular value Decomposition)** *For any  $L : (V, g) \rightarrow (W, h)$  there exists an orthonormal basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$  and orthonormal basis  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  of  $W$  with  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \geq 0$ <sup>11</sup> such that  $L v_i = \lambda_i w_i$ .*

**Proof** Diagonalize  $L^T L$ :

$$L^T L v_i := \mu_i v_i, i = 1, \dots, n$$

where  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

Observe:

$$h(L v_i, L v_j) = g(L^T L v_i, v_j) = g(\mu_i v_i, v_j) = 0$$

So  $L v_1, \dots, L v_n$  is an *orthogonal* set in  $W$ .

Define

$$w_i = \begin{cases} \frac{L v_i}{|L v_i|} & L v_i \neq 0 \\ \text{any completion to orthonormal basis} & L v_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda_i := |L v_i| \geq 0.$$

Then  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  orthonormal basis with respect to  $h$ , and

$$L v_i = \lambda_i w_i,$$

as required. □

Further:  $L^T w_i = \lambda_i v_i$ , so  $\mu_i = \lambda_i^2$ . Thus

$$|JL|_{g,h} := \sqrt{\det(L^T L)} = \sqrt{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_n} = \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n$$

is seen to be the volume expansion factor of  $L$  from  $g$  to  $h$ .

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<sup>11</sup>principal stretches

**Definition** Suppose  $\phi : (M, g) \rightarrow (N, h)$  is  $C^1$ . Define

$$|J\phi(x)|_{g,h} := |Jd\phi(x)|_{g(x),h(\phi(x))}.$$

In coordinates: on  $V, W$  respectively, we have

$$g = (g_{ij}), \quad h = (h_{kl}), \quad L = (L_i^k),$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} v \in V & \xrightleftharpoons[L^T]{L=(L_i^k)} & W \ni w \\ g^{-1}=(g^{ij}) \uparrow & & \downarrow h=(h_{ij}) \\ \nu \in V^* & \xleftarrow[L^*=(L_i^k)]{} & W^* \ni \omega \end{array}$$

$h : W \rightarrow W^*$  is defined by

$$h(w) := h(w, \cdot) \in W^*$$

$g^{-1} : V^* \rightarrow V$  is characterized by

$$g(g^{-1}(\nu), \cdot) = \nu \in V^*$$

We find that  $g^{-1} = (g^{ij})$ , i.e. the matrix of the inverse of  $g$  is the inverse of the matrix of  $g$ . The dual map to  $L$  is defined by  $L^*(\omega) := \omega \circ L \in L^*$ . We have

$$v \mapsto Lv, (Lv)^k = L_i^k v^i$$

And also

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &\mapsto L^*\omega \\ (L^*\omega)_i &= L_i^k \omega_k. \end{aligned}$$

To see the symmetry of this, observe

$$v^i L_i^k \omega_k = w(Lv) = (L^*(\omega))(v).$$

Next, we can verify

$$\begin{aligned} L^T &= g^{-1} \circ L^* \circ h, \\ (L^T)_\ell^i &= g^{ij} L_j^k h_{k\ell} \end{aligned}$$

## Formulae

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$$\begin{aligned} |J\phi(x)| &= \sqrt{\det(d\phi(x)^T \circ d\phi(x))} \\ &= \sqrt{\det(g^{ij}(x) \frac{\partial \phi^k}{\partial x^j}(x) h_{k\ell}(\phi(x)) \frac{\partial \phi^\ell}{\partial x^i}(x))} \end{aligned}$$

- $|J\phi|_{\delta,\delta} = |\det(\frac{\partial \phi^i}{\partial x^j})| \stackrel{\phi(x)=x}{=} |J\phi|_{g,g}$
- $|J_{\text{id}}|_{\delta,g} = \sqrt{\det g_{ij}}$ , if  $\phi(x) = x$ .
- $|J(\phi \circ \psi)|_{g,k} = |J\phi|_{h,k} |J\psi|_{g,h}$ , where  $(M, g) \xrightarrow{\psi} (N, h) \xrightarrow{\phi} (P, k)$

## Local Formula

$$\int_U u \, d\mu := \int_U u(x) \underbrace{\sqrt{\det g_{ij}(x)}}_{J_{\text{id}}|_{\delta,g}} dx^1 \cdots dx^n \quad (\ddagger)$$

## Verify the Area Formula (in a chart)

Given  $\phi : (U, g) \rightarrow (V, h), C^1$  and bijective with coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^n, y^1, \dots, y^n$  respectively. Show  $\int_V u \, d\mu_h = \int_U u \circ \phi |J\phi|_{g,h} \, d\mu_g$ .

Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \int_V u \sqrt{\det h_{k\ell}} \, dy^1 \cdots dy^n \\ &= \int_U u \circ \phi \sqrt{\det h_{k\ell} \circ \phi} \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial \phi^k}{\partial x^i} \right) \right| dx^1 \cdots dx^n \end{aligned}$$

(by the usual change of variables formula), where as

$$\text{RHS} = \int_U u \circ \phi \sqrt{\det \left( g^{ij} \frac{\partial \phi^k}{\partial x^j} h_{k\ell} \circ \phi \frac{\partial \phi^\ell}{\partial x^i} \right)} \sqrt{\det g_{ij}} \, dx^1 \cdots dx^n$$

**Note** By taking  $\phi$  to be an *isometry*, this also verifies that our definition  $(\ddagger)$  is independent of the coordinates that we chose on the open set  $U \subseteq M$ , as

follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & U \subseteq (M, k) & \\
 \psi_1 \swarrow & & \searrow \psi_1 \\
 \mathbb{R}^n \supseteq (V_1, g) \ni (x_1, \dots, x_n) & \xrightarrow[\text{isometry}]{\phi} & (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in (V_2, h) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n
 \end{array}$$

$$g = (\psi_1)_*(k)$$

$$h = (\psi_2)_*(k)$$

**Next step:**

extend our definition of the integral from each chart  $U$  to all of  $M$ . Say  $M = \cup_\alpha U_\alpha$ , then we must move from

$$\int_{U_\alpha} u d\mu_g \rightsquigarrow \int_M u d\mu_g$$

We obtain (as mentioned above)

**Theorem 7.9** *There exists an integral  $\int_M u d\mu_g$  that satisfies (i)-(iv)*

## 8 Connections

First we'll look at *connections on vector bundles* in general, then we'll specialize to the *Riemannian* or *Levi-Civita connection* on  $TM$  (induced by a Riemannian metric  $g$ )

### 8.1 Vector Bundles

(Lee Chap 2)

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold. Attach a vector space  $E_p$  (disjoint!) to each point in  $M$ . Main example:  $TM = \cup_p T_p M$ .

**Definition** A *vector bundle of rank  $k$  over  $M$*  (base space) is a smooth manifold  $E$  (total space) together with a smooth map  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  such that

- i. Each *fiber*  $E_p := \pi^{-1}(p)$  is endowed with the structure of a  $k$ -dimensional vector space.
- ii. For every  $p \in M, \exists U \ni p$  open and a diffeomorphism

$$\Psi : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{R}^k$$

such that



iii. The following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E \supseteq \pi^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & U \times \mathbb{R}^k \\ \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \pi_1 \\ M \supseteq U & \xlongequal{\quad} & U \end{array}$$

This says:

$$\Psi|_{E_p} : E_p \rightarrow \{p\} \times \mathbb{R}^k$$

ii.  $\Psi|_{E_p} : E_p \rightarrow \{p\} \times \mathbb{R}^k$  is a linear isomorphism.

We call the map  $\Psi$  a *local trivialization (of  $E$  over  $U$ )*. If  $U$  has coordinates  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$ , then  $\Psi$  yields coordinates  $(x^1, \dots, x^n, \underbrace{V^1, \dots, V^k}_{\text{coords on } \mathbb{R}^k})$  on  $\pi^{-1}(U)$

### Examples

$TM$

$T^*M := \cup_{p \in M} (T_p M)^*$  *cotangent bundle of  $M$*

$M \times \mathbb{R}^k \xrightarrow{\pi} M$  *trivial bundle (of rank  $k$ )*

### Simplest nontrivial vector bundle

$M = S^1$ , Fiber =  $\mathbb{R}$  (rank 1) Where

$$S^1 = [0, 2\pi] / (0 \sim 2\pi)$$

$$E := [0, 2\pi] \times \mathbb{R} / \sim \ni (\theta, t),$$

where  $(0, t) \sim (2\pi, -t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi([\theta, t]) &= [\theta] \\ \pi : E &\rightarrow S^1 \end{aligned}$$

$E$  is the Möbius band, viewed as a line bundle over  $S^1$ . We call it the *twisted  $\mathbb{R}$ -Bundle over  $S^1$* .

### Example

$$\cup_{p \in M} \text{Bilin}(T_p M \times T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$$

is a vector bundle over  $M$  of rank  $k = n^2$ . A metric is a smooth and positive section<sup>12</sup> of this bundle

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<sup>12</sup>will be defined later

## $\mathbb{R}^2$ bundles over $S^2$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^2 & \longrightarrow & E \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & S^2 \end{array}$$

Give  $S^2$  the “charts”

$H_+$  := closed northern hemisphere

$H_-$  := closed southern hemisphere

$H_+ \cap H_- = \{\text{equator}\} \cong S^1$

To get  $S^2$ : glue  $H_+$  to  $H_-$  along  $\partial H_+, \partial H_-$  by the map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi : \partial H_+ & \rightarrow & \partial H_- \\ e^{i\theta} & \mapsto & e^{i\theta} \end{array}$$

To get  $E$ : observe

$$\begin{aligned} \partial(H_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2) &= (\partial H_+) \times \mathbb{R}^2 \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \partial(H_- \times \mathbb{R}^2) &= (\partial H_-) \times \mathbb{R}^2 \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Glue  $H_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2$  to  $H_- \times \mathbb{R}^2$  along their boundaries via

$$\Phi : \partial H_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \partial H_- \times \mathbb{R}^2$$

defined by

$$\Phi \left( e^{i\theta}, \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right) := \left( \phi(e^{i\theta}), A_{e^{i\theta}} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Where we choose any family of linear maps

$$\begin{aligned} A_{e^{i\theta}} &: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ A_{e^{i\theta}} &\in \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \\ A &: \partial H_+ \rightarrow \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

*Our special choice:* Fix  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define

$$A : \partial H_+ \mapsto \text{SO}(2) \subseteq \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$$

by

$$A(e^{i\theta}) := \begin{pmatrix} \cos k\theta & \sin k\theta \\ -\sin k\theta & \cos k\theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

We obtain

$$\Phi \left( e^{i\theta}, \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right) := \left( e^{i\theta}, \begin{pmatrix} \cos k\theta & \sin k\theta \\ -\sin k\theta & \cos k\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

The result is called the  $k$ -twisted  $\mathbb{R}^2$  bundle over  $S^2$

### Question

What is  $k$  for the tangent bundle  $TS^2$  of the 2-Sphere?

### 8.1.1 Complex vector bundles

Same definition, except each  $E_p$  is a *complex* vector space of complex dimension  $d$ . Then  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} = n + 2d$ <sup>13</sup>.

### Question

Can you think of a real vector bundle of even rank that *cannot* be made into a complex vector bundle?

**Definition** Let  $M \xrightarrow{f} N$  with vector bundles  $E$  and  $F$  over  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. A *(linear) bundle map over  $f$*  is a smooth map

$$L : E \rightarrow F$$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{L} & F \\ \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \pi \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \end{array}$$

commutes, i.e.  $L(E_p) \subseteq F_{f(p)}$  and

$$L_p := L|_{E_p} : E_p \rightarrow F_{f(p)}$$

is linear map.

**Definition** A *bundle isomorphism* is a (linear) bundle map that is a diffeomorphism<sup>14</sup>

**Example** In an exercise, we found a bundle isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TS^3 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & S^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ }^{17} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S^3 & \xlongequal{\quad} & S^3 \end{array}$$

$i, j, k \in C^\infty(TS^3)$  and  $i(p), j(p), k(p)$  form a basis for  $T_p S^3 \forall p$

$$(p, (x, y, z)) \mapsto (p, xi(p) + yj(p) + zk(p))$$

<sup>13</sup>as a real manifold

<sup>14</sup>check: this is equivalent to:  $f$  is a diffeomorphism and  $L|_{E_p}$  is a linear isomorphism  $\forall p$ .

<sup>17</sup>Trivial bundle,  $p \in S^3, (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

**Definition** A *subbundle* of  $E$  is a submanifold  $F \subseteq E$  such that  $F_p := F \cap E_p (= (\pi|_F)^{-1}(p))$  is a vector subspace of  $E$  (of constant dimension).  $F$  is then (check!) a vector bundle over  $M$  in it's own right.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \subseteq & E \\ \pi|_F \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ M & \xlongequal{\quad} & M \end{array}$$

**Example**

i.  $M^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^q$  submanifold  $TM^{18} = \cup\{p\} \times T_pM \subseteq M \times \mathbb{R}^{q19}$  is a subbundle with  $n \leq q$ .

ii.

$$NM := \cup_{p \in M} \{p\} \times N_pM \subseteq M \times \mathbb{R}^q$$

subbundle (called *normal bundle of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^q$* ,  $N_pM = (T_pM)^\perp$ ).

**Definition** A *section* of  $E$  is a function  $V : M \rightarrow E$  such that  $V(p) \in E_p, p \in M$ . We call  $V$  *smooth* if it is smooth as a map between smooth manifolds.

**Definition** The *0-section* is the section  $O(p) := 0 \in T_pM, p \in M$ .

$\Gamma(E)$ : all sections

Both of the above are vector spaces over  $\mathbb{R}$

$C^\infty(E)$ : all smooth sections

$$V, W \in C^\infty(E) \Rightarrow aV + bW \in C^\infty(E)$$

**Definition** A *local frame for  $E$*  is a list  $e_1(p), \dots, e_d(p), p \in U$  of sections in  $C^\infty(E|U)$  that form a basis for  $E_p$  at each  $p \in U$ .

A local fram alway yields a local trivialization (and viceversa)

Given a frame over  $U$ , we may express any section  $V$  locally as a linear combination:

$$V(p) = V^\alpha(p)e_\alpha(p), p \in U$$

Where  $V^\alpha$  are the component functions

Evidently:  $V$  is smooth iff each component function  $V^\alpha$  is smooth. Thus  $v, w \in C^\infty(E) \Rightarrow aV + bW \in C^\infty(E)$ .

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<sup>18</sup>rank  $n$

<sup>19</sup>trivial bundle over  $M$  with fiber  $\mathbb{R}^q$  (rank  $q$ ).

### Example

$$\text{Bilin}(TM, TM; \mathbb{R}) := \cup_{p \in M} \text{Bilin}(T_p M \times T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$$

can be given the structure of a smooth vector bundle over  $M$ , and a Riemannian metric is a (smooth, symmetric, positive) section of this bundle.

**Example** Every smooth section of the twisted  $\mathbb{R}$ -bundle over  $S^1$  has a zero

## 8.2 Connections on Vector Bundles

**Aim:** Given  $\tilde{X} \in T_p M, V \in C^\infty(E)$ , form

$$\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}} V \in E_p$$

directional derivative of  $V$  in the direction  $\tilde{X}$  at  $p$ .

[Try:]

- $X^i \frac{\partial V^\alpha}{\partial x^i}, X = X^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, V = V^\alpha e_\alpha$ .  
Does not transform correctly (depends on choice of frame).
- $\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \frac{V(\gamma(t)) - V(\gamma(0))}{t}$  where  $\gamma$  is a path in  $M, \gamma(0) = p, \dot{\gamma}(0) = \tilde{X}$ .  
Cannot compare vectors in  $E_\gamma(t)$  to  $E_{\gamma(0)}$  in an intrinsic way.

**Upshot** To differentiate  $V$  in directions  $\tilde{X}$ , we must *declare*, or *impose* a structure  $E$  called a connection

### Definition

$$E \rightarrow M \quad \text{vector bundle}$$

An (*affine*) *connection* or *covariant derivative operator*, on  $E$  is a map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{D} : C^\infty(TM) & \times & C^\infty(E) & \rightarrow & C^\infty(E) \\ & & X & & V & \mapsto & \mathcal{D}_X V \end{array}$$

that satisfies

- $\mathcal{D}_X(aV + bW) = a\mathcal{D}_X V + b\mathcal{D}_X W, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  (linear in  $V$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ )
- $\mathcal{D}_{fX+gY} V = f\mathcal{D}_X V + g\mathcal{D}_Y V, f, g \in C^\infty(M)$  (linear in  $X$  over  $C^\infty(M)$ )
- $\mathcal{D}_X(fV) = f\mathcal{D}_X V + (X \cdot f)V, f \in C^\infty(M)$  (Leibniz rule)

### Expression in coordinates

$$X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, V = V^\alpha e_\alpha \text{ over } U$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_X V &= \mathcal{D}_{X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} (V^\alpha e_\alpha) \\ &= X^i \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} (V^\alpha e_\alpha) \\ &= X^i \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \cdot V^\alpha \right) e_\alpha + V^\alpha \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} e_\alpha \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Definition** The *connection coefficients* are defined by

$$\left( \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} e_\alpha \right)_p = \Delta_{i\alpha}^\beta(p) e_\beta(p)^{20}, \quad p \in U \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, d$$

$$\Delta_{i\alpha}^\beta = \Delta_{i\alpha}^\beta(p), \Delta_{i\alpha}^\beta \in C^\infty(U)$$

Get:

$$\mathcal{D}_X V = X^i \frac{\partial V^\alpha}{\partial x^i} e_\alpha + X^i V^\alpha \Delta_{i\alpha}^\beta e_\beta$$

or, writing  $\mathcal{D}_X V = (\mathcal{D}_X V)^\alpha e_\alpha$ :

$$\boxed{(\mathcal{D}_X V)^\alpha = X^i \frac{\partial V^\alpha}{\partial x^i} + X^i V^\beta \Delta_{i\beta}^\alpha}$$

i.e. derivative plus correction term.

**This shows:**

- $\mathcal{D}_X V(p)$  depends linearly on the value of  $V$  and its first derivatives at  $p$ .
- $\mathcal{D}_X V(p)$  depends linearly only on  $X(p)$  and not on any derivatives of  $X$ . We say  $\mathcal{D}_X V$  is *tensorial in  $X$*  or *point wise in  $X$* .

As a result, we may define

$$\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}} V, \tilde{X} \in T_p M, V \in C^\infty(E)$$

via

$$\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}} V := \mathcal{D}_X V(p)$$

where  $X \in C^\infty(TM)$  is any vectorfield such that  $X(p) = \tilde{X}$ .

This yields a linear map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}V(p) : T_p M &\rightarrow E_p \\ \tilde{X} &\mapsto \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}} V \\ (\mathcal{D}V(p))(\tilde{X}) &\equiv \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}} V \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>20</sup> $nd^2$  functions on  $U$

$$\mathcal{D}V(p) \in \text{Hom}(T_p M, E_p)$$

We can form a vector bundle

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}(TM, E) &:= \cup_{p \in M} \text{Hom}(T_p M, E_p) \\ \mathcal{D}V &:= (\mathcal{D}V(p))_{p \in M} \in C^\infty(\text{Hom}(TM, E)) \end{aligned}$$

More comments on the formula:

$$(\mathcal{D}_X V)^\alpha = X^i \frac{\partial V^\alpha}{\partial x^i} + X^i V^\beta \Delta_{i\beta}^\alpha$$

$X^i \frac{\partial V^\alpha}{\partial x^i}$  defines the connection

$\mathcal{D}_X^0 V := X^i \frac{\partial V^\alpha}{\partial x^i} e_\alpha$  defines a connection (check!) called the *coordinate connection* induced by the frame  $e_1, \dots, e_d$ ,  $d \equiv \text{rank} E$ .

So  $\mathcal{D}^0$  has the property:  $\mathcal{D}_X^0 e_\alpha = 0 \forall X \in C^\infty(TM)$ .

**Definition** We call a section  $V \in C^\infty(E)$  *parallel (for  $\mathcal{D}$ )* if  $\mathcal{D}_X V = 0 \forall X \in C^\infty(TM)$ .

**Example**  $\mathbb{R}^n, E = T\mathbb{R}^n, e_i \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$

$$(\mathcal{D}_X^0 Y)^j = X^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i}$$

(usual directional derivative)

$Y$  *parallel* iff components are *constant*

**Remark** It is rare for a connection to have even *one* parallel section.

**Exercise** For any choice of  $nd^2$  smooth functions  $\Delta_{i\alpha}^\beta, p \in U$ , the above formula yields a connection.

The correction term yields a bilinear map

$$\tilde{X}, \tilde{V} \mapsto \tilde{X}^i \tilde{V}^\beta \Delta_{i\beta}^\alpha(p) e_\alpha(p) \in E_p$$

$$\tilde{X} \in T_p M, \tilde{V} \in E_p$$

to which we give the name

$$\Delta(p) : T_p M \times E_p \rightarrow E_p$$

So  $\Delta(p) \in \text{Bilin}(T_p M, E_p; E_p)$ . We form a smooth vector bundle

$$\text{Bilin}(TM, E; E) := \cup_{p \in M} \text{Bilin}(T_p M, E_p; E_p)$$

and we recognize that

$$\Delta := (\Delta(p))_{p \in M} \in C^\infty(\text{Bilin}(TM, E; E))$$

$$\Delta : M \rightarrow \text{Bilin}(TM, E; E), p \mapsto \Delta(p)$$

Define

$$\Delta(X, V) \in C^\infty(E)$$

$$\Delta(X, V)(p) := \Delta(p)(X(p), V(p))$$

$$\Delta : C^\infty(TM) \times C^\infty(E) \rightarrow C^\infty(E)$$

So we can write:

$$\mathcal{D}_X V = D_X^0 V + \Delta(X, V)$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}^0 + \Delta$$

### Theorem 8.1

- i. The difference between any two connections on  $E$  yields a section of  $\text{Bilin}(TM, E; E)$ .*
- ii. Any connection plus any smooth section of  $\text{Bilin}(TM, E; E)$  yields another connection.*

### Example

$$E = S^1 \times \mathbb{R} \ni (\theta, t)$$



$$M = S^1$$

$$e_1(\theta) = (\theta, 1)$$

$$V \in C^\infty(E), V(\theta) = V^1 e_1(\theta), \Delta_{11}^1 = a(\theta)$$

$$X = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}} V = \frac{\partial V^1}{\partial \theta} e_1 + a(\theta) V^1(\theta) e_1$$

$$\text{Let } a(\theta) = -\frac{1}{10}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}} V = \frac{\partial V^1}{\partial \theta} e_1 - \frac{1}{10} V^1 e_1$$



**Equation for parallel section:**

$$0 = \left( \frac{\partial V^1}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{10} V^1 \right) e_1$$

$$\frac{dV^1}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{10} V^1$$

$$V^1(\theta) = ce^{\theta/10}, c = 1$$

This connection has no (global) parallel section.

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}} e_1 = -\frac{1}{10} e_1$$

i.e.  $e_1(\theta)$  is decreasing in length (compared to a parallel section) at rate  $-\frac{1}{10}e_1$ .

### 8.3 Inner Products on $E$ and compatible connections

$(E, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  Euclidean bundle

Suppose we have  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_p : E_p \times E_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, p \in M$  a smooth family of inner products on the fibers of  $E$ .

**Definition**  $\mathcal{D}$  is *compatible* with  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  if

$$X \cdot \langle V, W \rangle = \langle \mathcal{D}_X V, W \rangle + \langle V, \mathcal{D}_X W \rangle \quad \forall X \in C^\infty(TM), V, W \in C^\infty(E)$$

$$\text{(Leibniz rule)} \quad X \cdot |V|^2 = \langle \mathcal{D}_X V, V \rangle + \langle V, \mathcal{D}_X V \rangle$$

**Exercise**

- i. Prove if  $\mathcal{D}$  is compatible with  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , and  $V$  is parallel for  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $|V|^2$  is constant on  $M$  if  $M$  is connected.
- ii. Show the connection

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}} V = \left( \frac{\partial V^1}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{10} V^1 \right) e_1$$

is not compatible with *any* inner product.

## 8.4 Riemannian Connections

Also called *Levi-Civita Connection of a metric  $g$* .  $M, g \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}^g$  on  $TM$ .

**Definition** A connection  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $TM$  is called *torsion-free* or symmetric if

$$\mathcal{D}_X Y - \mathcal{D}_Y X = [X, Y] \quad \forall X, Y \in C^\infty(TM). \quad (\odot)$$

**Example**

- True for the usual directional derivative in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$[X, Y]^j = X^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} - Y^i \frac{\partial X^j}{\partial x^i}$$

- all coordinate connections on  $TM$  are torsion free.

**Interpretation of  $\odot$**

The antisymmetric part of  $\mathcal{D}_X Y$  is given by something that comes from the smooth structure alone.  $[X, Y]$ .

In particular:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} = \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$$

(since  $[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}] = 0$ )

**Theorem 8.2** For every  $(M, g)$  there exists a unique connection on  $TM$  that is

- *symmetric*
- *compatible with  $g$*

In coordinates:

$$\mathcal{D}_X Y = X^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} + X^i Y^j \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$$

where

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} = \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \quad (\text{defines } \Gamma_{ij}^k(p).)$$

Then  $\mathcal{D}$  is symmetric iff  $\Gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma_{ji}^k$ .

**Proof** Symmetry in coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( X^i \frac{\partial Y^k}{\partial x^i} + X^i Y^j \Gamma_{ij}^k \right) - \left( Y^i \frac{\partial X^j}{\partial x^i} + Y^i X^j \Gamma_{ij}^k \right) \\
&= X^i \frac{\partial Y^k}{\partial x^i} - Y^i \frac{\partial X^k}{\partial x^i} \\
& X^i Y^j \Gamma_{ij}^k = Y^i X^j \Gamma_{ij}^k \quad \forall X, Y \\
& \Leftrightarrow \Gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma_{ji}^k
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 8.3 (Levi-Civita)** *Given  $(M, g)$ , there exists a unique connection  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $TM$  satisfying*

- i.  $\mathcal{D}$  is compatible with  $g$*
- ii.  $\mathcal{D}$  is torsion-free*

$\mathcal{D}$  is called the Levi-Civita or Riemannian connection of  $g$ .

**Proof** of uniqueness

$$\begin{aligned}
X \cdot \langle Y, Z \rangle &= \langle D_X Y, Z \rangle + \langle Y, D_X Z \rangle \\
Y \cdot \langle Z, X \rangle &= \langle D_Y Z, X \rangle + \langle Z, D_Y X \rangle \\
Z \cdot \langle X, Y \rangle &= \langle D_Z X, Y \rangle + \langle X, D_Z Y \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \cdot \langle Y, Z \rangle + Y \cdot \langle Z, X \rangle - Z \cdot \langle X, Y \rangle \\
&= \langle [Y, Z], X \rangle + \langle [X, Z], Y \rangle - \langle [X, Y], Z \rangle + 2\langle D_x Y, Z \rangle \Rightarrow \text{uniqueness}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle D_X Y, Z \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} (X \cdot \langle Y, Z \rangle + Y \cdot \langle X, Z \rangle - Z \cdot \langle X, Y \rangle \\
&\quad - \langle Y, [X, Z] \rangle - \langle X, [Y, Z] \rangle + \langle Z, [X, Y] \rangle) \quad (\ddagger)
\end{aligned}$$

- uniquely characterizes  $\mathcal{D}_X Y$  in terms of  $g$  and smooth structure of  $M$ .
- not quite a formula for  $\mathcal{D}_X Y$  (derivatives of  $Z$  appear on right hand side).

**Find a formula for  $\mathcal{D}_X Y$**

Insert  $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, Z = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}, [\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}] = 0$ . Recall  $g_{ij} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \rangle$

$$\underbrace{\langle \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \rangle}_{\Gamma_{ij}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} \right)$$

Recall

$$(\mathcal{D}_X Y)^k = X^i \frac{\partial Y^k}{\partial x^i} + \Gamma_{ij}^k X^i Y^j$$

where  $\Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} = \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$  defines  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \langle \Gamma_{ij}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \rangle \\ &= \Gamma_{ij}^m g_{mk} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} \right) \end{aligned}$$

multiply by  $g^{-1} = (g^{kl})$

Get:

$$\boxed{\Gamma_{ij}^\ell = \frac{1}{2} g^{\ell k} \left( \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x^i} + \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k} \right)} \quad (\dagger\dagger)$$

classic formula for *Christoffel symbols*  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$ .

Where

$$(\mathcal{D}_X Y)^\ell = X^i \frac{\partial Y^\ell}{\partial x^i} + X^i Y^j \Gamma_{ij}^\ell \quad (\#)$$

Formulas  $(\dagger\dagger)$  and  $(\#)$  define a differential operator  $\mathcal{D}$ .

It remains to verify (existence part of theorem)

- $\mathcal{D}$  is a connection (previous exercise)
- $\mathcal{D}$  is symmetric (because  $\Gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma_{ji}^k$ )
- $\mathcal{D}$  is compatible with  $g$ .

Must verify:

$$X \cdot \langle Y, Z \rangle = \langle \mathcal{D}_X Y, Z \rangle + \langle Y, \mathcal{D}_X Z \rangle$$

In coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (Y^j Z^k g_{jk}) &\stackrel{?}{=} \left( X^i \frac{\partial Y^\ell}{\partial x^i} + X^i Y^j \Gamma_{ij}^\ell \right) g_{\ell k} Z^k \\ &\quad + \left( X^i \frac{\partial Z^\ell}{\partial x^i} + X^i Z^k \Gamma_{ik}^\ell \right) g_{\ell j} Y^j \end{aligned}$$

$$X^i \left( \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} Z^k g_{jk} + Y^j \frac{\partial Z^k}{\partial x^i} g_{ik} + Y^j Z^k \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x^i} \right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x^i} \stackrel{?}{=} \Gamma_{ij}^\ell g_{\ell k} + \Gamma_{ik}^\ell g_{\ell j}$$

This last statement is true, as seen by substitution.

□

## 8.5 Parallel Transport

parallel transport of a vector around a 90-90-90 triangle in  $S^2$  creates a 90 rotation.

$E \rightarrow M$  bundle,  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$  smooth curve. ( $E = TM$ : main example).

**Definition** A (smooth) section of  $E$  along  $\gamma$  is a smooth function  $V : [a, b] \rightarrow E$ ,  $V(t) \in E_{\gamma(t)} \forall t \in [a, b]$

Allowed:

- self-intersections
- $\dot{\gamma} = 0$

Wish to make sense of “ $\mathcal{D}_\gamma V$ ”

$$(\mathcal{D}_\gamma \tilde{V})^\alpha = \underbrace{\dot{\gamma}^i \frac{\partial \tilde{V}^\alpha}{\partial x^i}}_{\frac{dV^\alpha}{dt}} + \dot{\gamma}^i \tilde{V}^\beta \Delta_{i\beta}^\alpha, \quad \tilde{V} \in C^\infty(E)$$

$e_\alpha(x)$  local frame for  $E$

$$V(t) = V^\alpha(t) e_\alpha(\gamma(t))$$

**Notation**

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}V}{dt} := \left( \frac{dV^\alpha(t)}{dt} + \dot{\gamma}^i(t) V^\beta(t) \Delta_{i\beta}^\alpha(\gamma(t)) \right) e_\alpha(\gamma(t))$$

“ $\mathcal{D}_\gamma V$ ” covariant derivative of  $V$  along  $\gamma$

**Clearly**

- $\frac{\mathcal{D}V}{dt}$  is a smooth section of  $E$  along  $\gamma$
- $\frac{\mathcal{D}(fV)}{dt} = \frac{df}{dt} V + f \frac{\mathcal{D}V}{dt}$ ,  $f = f(t)$

- $\frac{d}{dt}\langle V, W \rangle = \langle \frac{\mathcal{D}V}{dt}, W \rangle + \langle V, \frac{\mathcal{D}W}{dt} \rangle$  if  $\mathcal{D}$  is compatible with some inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $E$ .
- If  $V$  is obtained from an ambient section  $\tilde{V} \in C^\infty(E|U)$  ( $U \supseteq \text{Im}\gamma$ ) (open) via  $V(t) = \tilde{V}(\gamma(t))$  then  $\frac{\mathcal{D}V}{dt}(t) = \mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}}\tilde{V}$

**Definition** A section  $V$  along  $\gamma$  is called *parallel along  $\gamma$*  if  $\frac{\mathcal{D}V}{dt} = 0 \forall t \in [a, b]$ .

**Proposition 8.4** Fix  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M, \tilde{V} \in E_a$ . Then there exists a unique parallel section  $V(t)$  along  $\gamma$  such that  $V(a) = \tilde{V}$ .

**Proof** In a fixed chart  $U$  we may solve the  $d \times d$  system of ODES that says  $\frac{\mathcal{D}V}{dt} = 0, \hat{V}(a) = \tilde{V}$ , namely

$$(*) \begin{cases} \frac{dV^\alpha(t)}{dt} + \dot{\gamma}^i(t)V^\beta(t)\Gamma_{i\beta}^\alpha = 0, & \alpha = 1, \dots, d \\ V^\alpha(a) = \hat{V}, & \alpha = 1, \dots, d \end{cases}$$

for smooth functions  $V^1(t), \dots, V^d(t)$   $t \in [a, c]$ , as long as  $\gamma([a, c]) \subseteq U$ . Now select  $a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_s = b$  such that each  $\gamma([t_i, t_{i+1}])$  lies in a single chart  $U_i$ . Existence follow by induction. Uniqueness, smoothness also follow from ODE theory.

□

**Definition** *Parallel transport* is defined along  $\gamma$  from  $\gamma(a)$  to  $\gamma(b)$  as the map

$$\begin{aligned} P_\gamma : E_{\gamma(a)} &\rightarrow E_{\gamma(b)} \\ \hat{V} = V(a) &\rightarrow V(b) \end{aligned}$$

$P_\gamma$  is linear since the ODE system we solved to find  $P_\gamma(\hat{V})$  is linear.

**Proposition 8.5** If  $\mathcal{D}$  is compatible with  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  then  $P_\gamma$  is an isometry from  $E_{\gamma(a)}$  to  $E_{\gamma(b)}$ .

**Proof** Let  $V(t), W(t)$  be parallel along  $\gamma$ . Then

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle V, W \rangle = \langle \frac{\mathcal{D}V}{dt}, W \rangle + \langle V, \frac{\mathcal{D}W}{dt} \rangle = 0 + 0$$

So  $\langle V(t), W(t) \rangle$  is constant.

□

**Example** Let  $\gamma$  be a great circle (transversed at unit speed) on  $S^2$ .  $\mathcal{D}^{S^2}$  is the Levi-Civita connection of the induced metric on  $S^2$ .

**Claim**  $\dot{\gamma}$  is parallel along  $\gamma$  i.e.  $\mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}}^{S^2} \dot{\gamma} = 0$

**Lemma 8.6** (Proof will be an exercise) Given  $(M, g)$ , and  $N \subseteq M$  submanifold.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g & \xrightarrow[\text{to } N]{\text{restriction}} & h \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{hour} \\ \mathcal{D}^g & \xrightarrow[\text{projection}]{\text{orthogonal}} & \mathcal{D}^h = \mathcal{D}' \end{array}$$

$$h_p(X, Y) := g_p(X, Y), \quad p \in N, X, Y \in T_p N$$

$$\pi^{TN}(p) : T_p M \rightarrow T_p N$$

orthogonal projection.

Exercise X-I

$$D'_X Y := \pi^{TN}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^g \tilde{Y})$$

$\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in C^\infty(TM)$  extend  $X, Y \in C^\infty(TN)$ .  $\mathcal{D}'$  is a connection on  $TN$ .  
 $(\tilde{X}|_N = X, \tilde{Y}|_N = Y)$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^M \tilde{Y} = \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^N Y}_{\text{tangential part}} + \text{normal part}$$

**Proof of Claim** Setup:

$$e_1 \perp e_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3, |e_1| = |e_2| = 1$$

$$\gamma(t) = \cos t e_1 + \sin t e_2$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = -\sin t e_1 + \cos t e_2$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\mathbb{R}^3} \dot{\gamma} = \frac{d^2 \gamma}{dt^2} = -\cos t e_1 - \sin t e_2 = -\gamma$$

Calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}}^{S^2} \dot{\gamma} &= \pi^{TS^2}(\mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\mathbb{R}^3} \dot{\gamma}) \\ &= \pi^{TS^2}(-\gamma) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Observe: a continuous vector field  $V(t)$  is parallel along  $\gamma$  iff  $|V(t)|^2$  is constant,  $\langle V(t), \dot{\gamma}(t) \rangle$  is constant.

**Example**  $S^2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  If  $\beta$  traverses a 90-90-90 triangle in  $S^2$ , then

$$P_\beta : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$$

is rotation by 90.

**Definition** If  $\gamma$  is a closed curve in  $M$ ,  $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b) = p$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  cannot  $E \rightarrow M$ , the linear map  $P_\gamma : E_p \rightarrow E_p$  is called the *holonomy map*.

## 9 Geodesics, Exponential Map

A *geodesic* is a curve with zero acceleration this is equivalent to a locally length-minimizing curve. Define the acceleration (with respect to  $\mathcal{D}$ ) as

$$\ddot{\gamma} := \frac{\mathcal{D}\dot{\gamma}}{dt} = \mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}$$

(a vector field along  $\gamma$ )

**Definition**  $\gamma$  is a *geodesic* if  $\ddot{\gamma}(t) = 0$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$ . “Motion of a free particle in a Riemannian manifold”.

**Example** A great circle of unit speed in  $S^n$  is a geodesic

**Remarks**

- $\frac{d}{dt}|\dot{\gamma}|^2 = 2\langle \ddot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma} \rangle = 0$  so  $|\dot{\gamma}|$  is constant (constant speed)
- Let  $\gamma(t)$  be a geodesic  $\Rightarrow \beta(t) := \gamma(ct)$  is a geodesic.  $\dot{\beta} = c\dot{\gamma}$ ,  $\ddot{\beta} = c^2\ddot{\gamma}$

**ODE for geodesics**

Coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  on  $U \subseteq M$ . Write

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(t) &= (\gamma^1(t), \dots, \gamma^n(t)) \\ \dot{\gamma}^i(t) &= \frac{d\gamma^i}{dt}(t) \\ \ddot{\gamma}^i(t) &= \left( \frac{\mathcal{D}\dot{\gamma}}{dt} \right)^i(t) \\ &= \frac{d\dot{\gamma}^i}{dt} + \dot{\gamma}^j \dot{\gamma}^k \Gamma_{jk}^i(\gamma(t)) \end{aligned}$$



so  $\gamma$  is a geodesic iff

$$\frac{d^2\gamma^i}{dt^2} + \frac{d\gamma^j}{dt} \frac{d\gamma^k}{dt} \Gamma_{jk}^i(\gamma(t)) = 0, i = 1, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

$n \times n$  system of nonlinear ODEs. (linear in 2nd order derivatives quadratic in 1st order, fully nonlinear in  $\gamma$  itself.)

Consider the initial conditions

$$\begin{cases} \gamma(0) = p \\ \dot{\gamma}(0) = X \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$p \in M, X \in T_p M$

**Theorem 9.1 (Short-term existence for geodesics)** For all  $p \in M$  and all  $X \in T_p M$  there is a unique solution  $\gamma = \gamma_{p,X} : [0, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$  of (1) and (2) for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Proof** later

□

**Definition** The *exponential map* by

$$\exp_p : \{\text{subset of } T_p M\} \rightarrow M$$

by

$$\exp_p(X) := \gamma_{p,X}(1)$$

whenever this exists.

**Lemma 9.2 (Homogeneity)**

- i.  $\gamma_{p,sX}(t) = \gamma_{p,X}(st)$
- ii.  $t \mapsto \exp_p(tX)$  is a geodesic.

**Proof**

- i.  $t \mapsto \gamma_{p,X}(st)$  is a geodesic by the above remark, with  $\frac{d}{dt}\big|_0 \gamma_{p,X}(st) = s \frac{d}{dt}\big|_0 \gamma_{p,X}(t) = sX$  so  $t \mapsto \gamma_{p,X}(st)$  and  $t \mapsto \gamma_{p,sX}(t)$  have the same initial point, and the same initial velocity so by uniqueness of geodesics they are the same

- ii.

$$\begin{aligned} \exp_p(tX) &= \gamma_{p,tX}(1) \\ &\stackrel{1}{=} \gamma_{p,X}(t) \end{aligned}$$

which is a geodesic.

□

## 9.1 Geodesic Flow

Rewrite (1),(2) (equations and initial conditions for geodesics) as a  $2n \times 2n$  1st order ODE system for  $(\gamma^1(t), \dots, \gamma^n(t), Y^1(t), \dots, Y^n(t)) \in TM$  where  $M$  has the coordinates  $(x^1, \dots, x^n, X^1, \dots, X^n)$  and  $Y^i(t)$  shall end up being  $\frac{d\gamma^i}{dt}(t)$ .

Get:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\gamma^i}{dt} = Y^i(t), & i = 1, \dots, n \\ \frac{dY^i}{dt} = -Y^p(t)Y^q(t)\Gamma_{pq}^i(\gamma(t)), & i = 1, \dots, n \end{cases} \quad (1')$$

$$\gamma(0) = p, Y(0) = X \quad (2')$$

Rewrite as

$$\frac{d\tilde{\gamma}}{dt} = G(\tilde{\gamma}) \quad (1'')$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}(0) = (p, X) \quad (2'')$$

where

$$\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (\gamma(t), Y(t)) \quad Y(t) = Y^i(t) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_{\gamma(t)} \in T_{\gamma(t)}M$$

is the lifting of the path  $\gamma(t)$  via the vector  $Y(t)$  to a curve in  $TM$  where now

$$G(x^1, \dots, x^n, Z^1, \dots, Z^n) := (Z^1, \dots, Z^n, -Z^p Z^q \Gamma_{pq}^1(x), \dots, -Z^p Z^q \Gamma_{pq}^n(x))$$

is a smooth vector field on  $TM$ . A solution curve  $\tilde{\gamma}(t)$  of (1''),(2'') yields a pair  $\gamma(t), Y(t)$  solving (1'),(2') and hence a geodesic  $\gamma(t)$  (we call it  $\gamma_{p,X}(t)$ ) solving (1),(2). This proves Short Term Existence Theorem for geodesics (as it was stated).

### Local flow of $G$

By ODE theory:

**Proposition 9.3** *Fix  $p \in M$ . Then there exists a open set  $U \subseteq M$  with  $p \in U, \varepsilon > 0, \delta > 0$  and  $W \subseteq TM$  open of the form*

$$W := \{(x, Z) | x \in U, |Z| < \varepsilon\}$$

and a smooth map

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : W \times [-\delta, \delta] &\rightarrow TM \\ (x, Z) \in W \quad t \in [-\delta, \delta] & \end{aligned}$$

that is the flow for (1''), (2''), i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x, Z, 0) &= (x, Z) \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}(x, Z, t) &= G(\phi(x, Z, t)) \\ \phi(p, X, t) &= (\gamma_{p,X}(t), Y_{p,X}(t))\end{aligned}$$

**Smoothness of exp and existence in a neighborhood of 0 in  $T_pM$**

$$\gamma_{x,Z}(t) = \pi(\phi(x, Z, t)), \pi : TM \rightarrow M$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\exp_x(Z) &= \gamma_{x,Z}(1) \\ &= \gamma_{x,Z/\delta}(\delta) \\ &= \pi(\phi(x, Z/\delta, \delta)) \quad \left| \frac{Z}{\delta} \right| < \varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\exp_x(Z)$  is defined for  $x \in U$ ,  $|Z| < \varepsilon\delta$  and is smooth in both variables. Set  $B_r^{T_pM}(0) := \{X \in T_pM, |X| < r\}$

**Lemma 9.4**  $\exp_p : B_r^{T_pM}(0) \rightarrow M$  is defined and smooth for sufficiently small  $r > 0$ .

**Theorem 9.5** For each  $p \in M$   $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\exp_p : B_\varepsilon^{T_pM}(0) \rightarrow M$  is a diffeomorphism onto its (open) image. In fact,

$$(d\exp_p)_0 : \underbrace{T_0 T_p M}_{T_p M} \rightarrow T_p M$$

is the identity.

**Proof of Theorem** By Inverse Function Theorem, it suffices to prove the latter statement. The path

$$t \mapsto tX \text{ in } T_pM$$

goes to the path

$$t \mapsto \gamma(t) := \exp_p(tX) \text{ in } M$$

which is a geodesic in  $M$  with  $\gamma(0) = p, \dot{\gamma}(0) = X$ .

Differentiate:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= \dot{\gamma}(0) \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} \exp_p(tX) \\
 &= (d \exp_p)_0 \left( \left. \frac{dt}{dt} \right|_0 (tX) \right) \\
 &= (d \exp_p)_0(X)
 \end{aligned}$$

□

## Exponential Coordinates

- geodesic normal coordinates
- geodesic polar coordinates

## Geodesic Normal Coordinates

Let  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  be orthonormal coordinates on the inner product space  $(T_p M, g(p))$ . Transfer these coordinates to  $M$  via  $\exp_p^{-1}$  to obtain *geodesic normal coordinates* near  $p$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbb{R}^n & \xleftarrow{x^1, \dots, x^n} & T_p M & \xrightarrow{\text{exp}_p} & M \\
 & \text{Isometry} & & \text{partial} & \\
 \uparrow \subseteq & & \uparrow \subseteq & & \uparrow \subseteq \\
 B_\varepsilon & \xleftarrow{\cong} & B_\varepsilon^{T_p M}(0) & \xrightarrow[\text{exp}_p]{\cong} & U \\
 & & x^1, \dots, x^n & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(X, Y) &= g_{ij}(x) X^i Y^j \\
 \delta(X, Y) &= \delta_{ij} X^i Y^j = X^i Y^i
 \end{aligned}$$

Compare

$$g = (g_{ij}(x)), x \in U$$

(expressed in exponential normal coordinates) to  $\delta = (\delta_{ij})$  (the back ground flat metric coming from  $x^1, \dots, x^n$ .)

**Theorem 9.6** *In geodesic normal coordinates at  $p$ ,*

$$g_{ij}(0) = \delta_{ij}, \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k}(0) = 0, \Gamma_{ij}^k(0) = 0.$$

So  $g_{ij}(x) = \delta_{ij} + \mathcal{O}(|x|^2)$ <sup>21</sup> for  $x \in U$  near  $p$ . “Metric looks Euclidean up to 1st order”.

<sup>21</sup> $|x| = |x|_\delta = \sqrt{x^i x^i}$ ,  $\mathcal{O}$  is some  $\varepsilon_{ij}(x)$  such that  $|\varepsilon_{ij}(x)| \leq c|x|^2$

## Consequence

A Riemannian metric has no first order invariants to distinguish it from flat space (Euclidean space).

## Proof

- i.  $g_{ij}(p) = \langle (\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i})_p, (\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j})_p \rangle = \delta_{ij}$  since we chose orthonormal coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  on  $T_p M$ .
- ii. Fix  $X = X^i (\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i})_p \in T_p M$ . Consider the geodesic

$$\gamma(t) = \exp_p(tX)$$

with  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = X$ . In geodesic normal coordinates,  $\gamma(t)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(t) &= (tX^1, \dots, tX^n) \\ \dot{\gamma}(t) &= (X^1, \dots, X^n) \quad \left( = X^i (\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i})_{\gamma(t)} \in T_{\gamma(t)} M \right) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\dot{\gamma}(t)$  agrees along  $\gamma$  with the constant coefficient vector field

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{X}(q) &:= X^i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)_q, \quad q \in U \\ \tilde{X}(\gamma(t)) &= \dot{\gamma}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\gamma$  is a geodesic,

$$0 = \ddot{\gamma}(t) = \mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma}(t) = \left( \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}} \tilde{X} \right) (\gamma(t))$$

At  $t = 0$ :

$$0 = \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}} \tilde{X}(0)^k = X^i \underbrace{\frac{\partial X^k}{\partial x^i}}_{=0} + X^i X^j \Gamma_{ij}^k(0)$$

i.e.

$$\Gamma_{ij}^k(0) X^i X^j = 0, \quad \forall k.$$

Since this holds  $\forall X$  and  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$  is symmetric, polarization yields

$$\Gamma_{ij}^k(0) = 0 \quad \forall i, j, k.$$

iii. Compute on  $U$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x^i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \Gamma_{ij}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \Gamma_{ik}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \right\rangle \\
&= 0 \quad \text{at } x = 0 \text{ by (ii)}
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark on polarization** Let  $A(X, Y)$  be symmetric, then

$$A(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2} (A(X + Y, X + Y) - A(X, X) - A(Y, Y))$$

**Exercise** (Lee)

Show: if two connections on  $TM$  (not necessarily torsion free!) have the same *symmetric part*, then they have the same geodesics.

**Corollary 9.7** Any vector  $X$  in  $T_p M$  can be extended to  $\tilde{X} \in C^\infty(T_p U)$ ,  $p \in U$  such that  $\tilde{X}$  is parallel at  $p$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{D}_Y \tilde{X}(p) = 0 \quad \forall Y.$$

### Geodesic Polar Coordinates

Place polar coordinates on  $T_p M$  and transfer them to  $U \subseteq M$  via  $\exp_p^{-1}$ . Let  $S^{n-1} :=$  unit sphere in  $T_p M$  (identified with standard unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). Define

$$\begin{aligned}
[0, \infty) \times S^{n-1} &\rightarrow T_p M \\
(r, \omega) &\mapsto r\omega
\end{aligned}$$

Obtain coordinates  $r, \omega^1, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$  and coordinate vector fields  $\frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^{n-1}}$  on  $U \setminus \{p\} \subseteq M$ . Write  $S(r) = \{r\} \times S^{n-1}$ .

**Lemma 9.8** In  $U \setminus \{p\}$ , with respect to  $g$ :

i.  $\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right\rangle = 1$

ii.  $\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \right\rangle = 0, a = 1, \dots, n-1$

Radial geodesics  $t \mapsto t\omega$  are orthogonal to coordinate spheres  $S(r)$ .

$$iii. \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^b} \right\rangle = \mathcal{O}(r^2)$$

**Proof**

- i. Fix  $\omega \in S^{n-1}$ . Then  $\gamma(t) := \exp_p(t\omega), t \in \mathbb{R}$  is a geodesic with coordinate expression

$$t \mapsto (t, \omega^1, \dots, \omega^{n-1}) \quad (t \neq 0)$$

Thus

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = (1, 0, \dots, 0) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)_{\gamma(t)} \quad (t \neq 0)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right|_{\gamma(t)} &\stackrel{t \neq 0}{=} |\dot{\gamma}|_{\gamma(t)} \\ &= \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

since  $\gamma$  is a geodesic. What is this constant?

Remember:  $\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right|_{\delta} = 1$  (pre-DG fact) so

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right|_g &= \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right|_{\delta} (1 + \mathcal{O}(|x|^2)) \\ &= 1 + \mathcal{O}(|x|^2) \end{aligned}$$

( $r = |x|$ ,  $|x|$  means  $|x|_{\delta}$ ) so the constant is 1.

- ii. Fix  $a \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$  To show:  $\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \right\rangle = 0$  on  $U \setminus \{p\}$ .

Observe:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} - \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \right] = 0 \text{ on } U \setminus \{p\}$$

$r(\gamma(t)) = t, \frac{\partial}{\partial r} = \frac{d}{dt}$ . Now consider  $\frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a}$  as vector fields along  $\gamma(t) = \exp_p(t\omega), (\dot{\gamma} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r})$ . Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \right\rangle_{\gamma(t)} &= \overbrace{\left\langle \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \right\rangle}^{=\dot{\gamma}=0} + \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \right\rangle \\ &= 0 + \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \cdot \underbrace{\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right\rangle}_{\equiv 1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

so  $\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \rangle = \text{const}$  along  $\gamma$ . What is this constant?

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \right\rangle \right| &\leq \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right|_g \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a} \right|_g \quad \text{Cauchy-Schwarz} \\ &= 1 \cdot \mathcal{O}(r) \end{aligned}$$

so the constant is zero.

iii. Note  $\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^b} \rangle_\delta = r^2 h_{ab}^\circ(\omega)$  (standard metric on  $S^{n-1}$ ). Since  $g_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{ij} = \mathcal{O}(r^2)$ , where  $|\varepsilon_{ij}(r, \omega)| \leq Cr^2$

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^b} \right\rangle_g = r^2 h_{ab}^\circ(\omega) + \mathcal{O}(r^2) = \mathcal{O}(r^2)$$

□

**Corollary 9.9 (Gauss's Lemma)** *In geodesic polar coordinates,  $g$  has the form*

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & r^2 h_{ij}(r, \omega) & & \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} r \\ \omega^1 \\ \vdots \\ \omega^{n-1} \end{matrix}$$

where for each  $r > 0$ ,  $h_{ij}(r, \cdot)$  is a metric on  $S^{n-1}$  with

$$h_{ij}(r, \omega) = h_{ij}^\circ(\omega) + \mathcal{O}(r^2)$$

as  $r \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** A slight refinement of the above.

□

## 9.2 Length-minimizing curves

$$\begin{aligned} L(\gamma) &:= \int_a^b |\dot{\gamma}(t)|_g dt, \\ \gamma &: [a, b] \rightarrow M. \end{aligned}$$

The curve  $\gamma$  is *length-minimizing* if

$$L(\gamma) \leq L(\beta)$$

for any smooth curve  $\beta$  with the same endpoints (resp. *strictly length-minimizing* if equality implies  $\beta = \gamma$ ).



**Theorem 9.10 (Local Length-minimizing Property)** *Let  $\gamma$  be geodesic. Then for each  $a \in \text{dom}(\gamma)$  and each  $b$  sufficiently close to  $a$  ( $b > a$ )  $\gamma|_{[a, b]}$  is length-minimizing.*

**Example**  $\alpha = \gamma|_{[a, b]}$ .  $\alpha$  is length-minimizing iff  $L(\alpha) \leq \pi$  (strictly length-minimizing iff  $L(\alpha) < \pi$ )

**Proof** Without loss of generality  $a = 0$ . Set  $p = \gamma(0)$ . Select  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\exp_p : B_\varepsilon^{T_p M}(0) \xrightarrow{\cong} U \subseteq M$  is a diffeomorphism. Fix  $b < \varepsilon$ ,  $q := \gamma(b)$ . Use geodesic normal coordinates on  $U$ . In these coordinates,  $\gamma(t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq b$  is the ray  $t \mapsto (tX^1, \dots, tX^n)$  where  $X := \dot{\gamma}(0)$ . Let  $\beta$  be any curve connecting  $p = \gamma(0)$  to  $q = \gamma(b)$ .

$L(\gamma|_{[0, b]}) = b$  To show:  $L(\beta) \geq b$ . Without loss of generality replace  $\beta$  by the initial segment  $\beta|_{[0, e]}$  such that

$$\beta(e) \in S(b), \beta([0, e]) \subseteq \{r(x) \leq b\}$$

Show:  $L(\beta|_{[0, e]}) \geq b$ . Write

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(u) &= (r(u), \omega^1(u), \dots, \omega^{n-1}(u)), 0 \leq u \leq e \\ \dot{\beta}(u) &= \left( \frac{dr}{du}, \frac{d\omega^1}{du}, \dots, \frac{d\omega^{n-1}}{du} \right) \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{dr}{du} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}}_{\text{radial part}} + \underbrace{\sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \frac{d\omega^a}{du} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^a}}_{\text{tangential part}} \\ &= \dot{\beta}(u)^R + \dot{\beta}(u)^T \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} |\dot{\beta}(u)|^2 &= |\dot{\beta}(u)^R|^2 + |\dot{\beta}(u)^T|^2 \\ |\dot{\beta}(u)| &\geq \left| \frac{dr}{du} \right| \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right| = \left| \frac{dr}{du} \right| \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta|_{[0, e]}) &= \int_0^e |\dot{\beta}(u)| du \\ &\geq \int_0^e \left| \frac{dr}{du} \right| du \\ &\geq r(e) - r(0) \\ &= b - 0 = b \end{aligned}$$

□

Furthermore: equality occurs iff  $\dot{\beta}$  is a nonnegative multiple of  $\frac{\partial}{\partial r}$  for all  $u \in [0, e]$ . But then,  $\beta = \gamma[0, b]$ !  $\gamma$  is a strict minimizer,  $b < \varepsilon$ !

Recall  $d(p, q) := \inf\{L(\beta) \mid \beta \text{ joins } p \text{ to } q\}$

**Definition** If  $\exp_p : B_\varepsilon^{T_p M}(0) \xrightarrow{\cong} U \subseteq M$  is a diffeomorphism, we call  $U$  a *normal neighborhood* of  $p$ .

**Corollary 9.11**  $p, q \in M$ ,  $r < \varepsilon$  *normal coordinates about*  $p$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d(p, q) &= r(q) && \text{if } q \in \exp_p(B_\varepsilon^{T_p M}(0)) \\ d(p, q) &\geq \varepsilon && \text{if } q \notin \exp_p(B_\varepsilon^{T_p M}(0)) \end{aligned}$$

### 9.3 Metric Space Structure

(induced by  $g$ )  
 $(M, g) \rightsquigarrow d(p, q)$ .

**Proposition 9.12** ( $M$  connected)  $(M, d)$  is a metric space. ( $M$  not connected: extended metric space:  $d = \infty$  allowed.)

**Proof**

- Triangle inequality:  $d(x, y) + d(y, z) \geq d(x, z)$
- symmetry:  $d(p, q) = d(q, p)$
- positivity: if  $p \neq q$  then  $d(p, q) > 0$ .

□

**Proof**  $p \neq q$ , pick  $\varepsilon$  so  $q \notin \exp_p(B_\varepsilon^{T_p M}(0))$   $d(p, q) \geq \varepsilon$ .

□

**Definition**

$$B_\sigma(p) (= B_\sigma^g(p) = B_\sigma^M(p)) := \{q \in M \mid d(p, q) < \sigma\}$$

*geodesic ball of radius  $\sigma$  about  $p$ .*

**Example** (need not be a topological ball) By the Corollary(9.11):

$$B_\varepsilon(p) = \exp_p(B_\varepsilon^{T_p M}(0))$$

(provided  $\exp_p|_{B_\varepsilon^{T_p M}(0)}$  is a diffeomorphism onto its image.)

This implies

**Proposition 9.13** *The metric space topology generated by  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$  coincides with the topology induced by the differential structure.*

**Proof** Both topologies are generated (by taking arbitrary unions) by small balls  $B_\sigma(p)$ ,  $\sigma < \varepsilon(p)$ .

□

**Theorem 9.14 (Geodesically Convex Balls)** *For  $p \in M$ , there is  $\sigma = \sigma(p) > 0$  such that every pair of points  $p_1, p_2 \in B_\sigma(p)$  can be joined by a (unique) minimizing geodesic  $\gamma$ , and  $\gamma$  lies in  $B_\sigma(p)$ .*

### Completeness: Hopf-Rinow Theorem

#### Questions:

- When can geodesics be extended indefinitely
- When can  $p, q \in M$  be joined by a minimizing geodesic?

**Theorem 9.15 (Hopf-Rinow)** *( $M, g$ ) The following are equivalent:*

- ( $M, d$ ) is metrically complete (cauchy sequences converge).*
- ( $M, g$ ) is geodesically complete (each geodesic can be extended indefinitely)*

We call  $M$  complete.

**Example** Any compact manifold is complete.

**Example**  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Metric completion:  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  metric completion  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \cup \{z\}$

**Corollary 9.16 (of Proof)**  *$M$  connected, complete  $\Rightarrow$  every pair  $p, q$  can be joined by a minimum geodesic.  $\Leftrightarrow \exp_p$  is surjective for all  $p$ , i.e. there are no places you can't see from  $p$ .*

**Example** Hyperbolic space is complete.

**Proposition 9.17** *If a curve  $\gamma \subseteq M^2$  is the fixed-point of a nontrivial isometry, then that curve is a geodesic.*

## 10 Testing for Flatness

(Lee chap 7) (Motivation for Riemannian curvature tensor.)

How can we tell when 2 Riemannian manifolds are locally isometric? Answer: Invariants.

### 10.1 Special case

How can we tell when a Riemannian manifold is flat (= locally isometric to Euclidean space)?

#### Observation

If  $M$  is flat, then near each point there is a frame  $e_1(x), \dots, e_n(x)$  consisting of parallel vector fields.

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{R}^n, \delta) \subseteq V &\xleftarrow{\text{isom. } \phi} U \subseteq (M^n, g) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} &\mapsto \phi^*\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\right) \\ \phi^*(\mathcal{D}_X^\delta Y) &= \mathcal{D}_{\phi^*(X)}^{\phi^*(\delta)} \phi^*(Y) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 10.1** *No neighborhood of a point in  $S^2$  possesses a parallel vector field. Thus: No neighborhood of any point in  $S^2$  is isometric to an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .*

**Lemma 10.2** *The holonomy about a circle of latitude  $\gamma = \partial B_\theta^{S^2}(N)$  is a nontrivial rotation*

$$H\gamma : T_p S^2 \rightarrow T_p S^2$$

**Proof sketch (Do Carmo)** Let  $C$  be the cone tangent to  $S^2$  along  $\gamma$ . Since  $S^2$  and  $C$  have the same tangent planes along  $\gamma$ , we have for any vector field  $X(t) \in T_{\gamma(t)} S^2$  along  $\gamma$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}}^{S^2} X = \pi^\perp \left( \mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\mathbb{R}^3} X \right) = \mathcal{D}_{\dot{\gamma}}^C X$$

So the holonomy about  $\gamma$  is the same, whether we regard  $\gamma$  as a curve in  $S^2$  or in  $C$ . But  $C$  can be cut and rolled out flat and the holonomy computed easily.

□

**Exercise** Find the holonomy about any simple closed curve in  $S^2$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C} & \longrightarrow & E \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & M^2 \end{array}$$

$$(\mathcal{D}_X V)^\alpha = X^i \frac{\partial V^\alpha}{\partial x^i} + i \underbrace{\omega(X)}_{\Delta} V^\alpha$$

$$V \in C^\infty(E) \quad \omega(X) = a(x)X^1(x) + b(x)X^2(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_\gamma : E_p &\rightarrow E_p \cong \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \hat{V} &\mapsto e^{i \int_\Omega (a_{x^2}(x^1, x^2) - b_{x^1}(x^1, x^2)) dx^1 dx^2} \hat{V} \\ a_{x^2} - b_{x^1} &= \text{curl}(a, b) (\equiv \text{rot}(a, b)) \end{aligned}$$

## 10.2 Try to construct a parallel vector field (locally)

$(M^2, g)$  given,  $p \in M$  fixed.  $x^1, x^2$  local coords near  $p$ . Fix  $Z \in T_p M$ . Extend  $Z$  parallel along  $x^1$ -axis  $t \mapsto (t, 0)$ . Then extend vertically along each curve  $t \mapsto (x^1, t)$  ( $x^1 \in \mathbb{R}$  fixed). Get:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}} Z = 0 & \text{all } x^1, x^2 \\ \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Z = 0 & \text{all } x^1, x^2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

If  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Z = 0$  for all  $x^1, x^2$  then  $Z$  would be parallel:

$$\mathcal{D}_X Z = X^1 \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Z + X^2 \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}} Z$$

To see what  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Z$  is like for  $x^2 \neq 0$ , consider how it varies along curve  $t \mapsto (x^1, t)$ . Measured by

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Z$$

Now if we were so lucky and the operators  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}}, \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}}$  commuted on  $Z$ , then

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Z = \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}} Z}_0 = 0 \quad \forall x^1, x^2$$

Then  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Z$  would be *parallel* along  $t \mapsto (x^1, t)$ . But  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Z = 0$  at  $(x^1, 0)$ . So  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Z$  would be 0  $\forall x^1, x^2$ .

So the question of constructing parallel vector fields comes down to: *Do directional derivatives of vector fields commute?*

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , this is true:  $\mathcal{D}^\delta = \mathcal{D}^0 =$  coordinate connections.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}}^0 \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}}^0 \left( Z^i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) &= \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}}^0 \left( \frac{\partial Z^i}{\partial x^2}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 Z^i}{\partial x^1 \partial x^2}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \\ &= \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}}^0 \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}}^0 Z \\ \mathcal{D}_X \mathcal{D}_Y Z &\stackrel{?}{=} \mathcal{D}_Y \mathcal{D}_X Z \end{aligned}$$

Even in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , it's not so simple.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_X^0 \mathcal{D}_Y^0 Z &= X^i \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}}^0 \left( Y^j \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}}^0 Z \right) \\ &= X^i Y^j \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}}^0 \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}}^0 Z + X^i \frac{\partial Y^j}{\partial x^i} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}}^0 Z \end{aligned}$$

Antisymmetrizing, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_X^0 \mathcal{D}_Y^0 Z - \mathcal{D}_Y^0 \mathcal{D}_X^0 Z &= O + [X, Y]^j \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}}^0 Z \\ &= \mathcal{D}_{[X, Y]}^0 Z. \end{aligned}$$

Accordinging:

**Proposition 10.3** *In a flat manifold*

$$\mathcal{D}_X \mathcal{D}_Y Z - \mathcal{D}_Y \mathcal{D}_X Z - \mathcal{D}_{[X, Y]} Z = 0. \quad (\dagger)$$

**Proof**  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  are both invariant under isometries. □

### 10.3 Riemann Curvature

**Definition** Let  $X, Y, Z, W \in C^\infty(TM)$ .

- i. The *Riemann curvature operator* of  $(M, g)$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z := -\mathcal{D}_X \mathcal{D}_Y Z + \mathcal{D}_Y \mathcal{D}_X Z + \mathcal{D}_{[X, Y]} Z$$

- ii. The *Riemannian curvature tensor* is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_m(X, Y, Z, W) &:= \langle \mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z, W \rangle \\ \mathcal{R}(\cdot, \cdot) \cdot &: C^\infty(TM) \times C^\infty(TM) \times C^\infty(TM) \rightarrow C^\infty(TM) \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{R}_m \equiv 0$  iff  $M$  is flat, (iff later).

$\mathcal{R}_m$  measures how far  $M$  is from being Euclidean.

## 10.4 Tensors (over $\mathbb{R}$ )

$V, W$  vector spaces with bases  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  and  $d_1, \dots, d_n$ .  $V \otimes W$  vector space  $mn = \dim$  basis  $e_i \otimes d_j$   $i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, n$ .

$\binom{k}{0}$  tensor over  $V$  is a  $k$ -linear map

$$T : \underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

or equivalently an element of  $\underbrace{V^* \otimes \dots \otimes V^*}_k$ . Typical element:  $T = T_{i_1 \dots i_m} e_{i_1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_m}^*$ ,  $e_1^*, \dots, e_m^*$  dual basis (to  $e_1, \dots, e_m$ ) of  $V^*$ ,  $e_i^*(X) = X^i$   $X_\ell = X_\ell^p e_p$

$$\begin{aligned} T(X_1, \dots, X_m) &= T_{i_1 \dots i_m} (e_{i_1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes e_{i_m}^*) (X_1, \dots, X_m) \\ &= T_{i_1 \dots i_m} e_{i_1}^*(X_1) \dots e_{i_m}^*(X_m) \\ &= T_{i_1 \dots i_m} X_1^{i_1} \dots X_m^{i_m}. \end{aligned}$$

A  $\binom{k}{\ell}$  tensor over  $V$  is a  $k$ -linear map

$$\underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_k \rightarrow \underbrace{V \otimes \dots \otimes V}_\ell$$

or equivalently, an element of  $\underbrace{V^* \otimes \dots \otimes V^*}_k \otimes \underbrace{V \otimes \dots \otimes V}_\ell$ . Given smooth vector bundles  $E, F \rightarrow M$ , we can form smooth vector bundles  $E^*, E \otimes F$  over  $M$  with fibers

$$(E^*)_p := (E_p)^*, (E \otimes F)_p := E_p \otimes F_p$$

$$T^*M = (TM)^*, T_p^*M = (T_pM)^*.$$

Then a  $\binom{k}{\ell}$  tensor field  $T$  on  $M$  is a section

$$T \in C^\infty(\underbrace{T^*M \otimes \dots \otimes T^*M}_k \otimes \underbrace{TM \otimes \dots \otimes TM}_\ell)$$

### Exercise

- i.  $\binom{0}{1}$  tensor fields are vector fields
- ii.  $\binom{1}{0}$  tensor fields are dual vector fields, or 1-forms
- iii.  $g$  (Riemannian metric) is a  $\binom{2}{0}$  tensor field.

$\mathcal{D}_X Y$  vector field in  $C^\infty(TM)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}Y &= (\mathcal{D}Y(p) : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M) \\ &\in C^\infty(\text{Lin}(TM; TM)) \\ &\in C^\infty(T^*M \otimes TM)\end{aligned}$$

so if  $Y$  is a vector field, then  $\mathcal{D}Y$  is a  $\binom{1}{1}$  tensor field.

$$Z = T(X, Y) := \mathcal{D}_X^1 Y - \mathcal{D}_X^2 Y \in C^\infty(TM)$$

$T(X, Y)(p)$  depends only on  $X(p), Y(p)$  (bilinearly).  $T \in C^\infty(T^*M \otimes T^*M \otimes TM)$ . So  $T$  (the difference between two connections) is a  $\binom{2}{1}$  tensor.

$$\mathcal{R}(\cdot, \cdot) : C^\infty(TM) \times C^\infty(TM) \times C^\infty(TM) \rightarrow C^\infty(TM)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z &:= -\mathcal{D}_X \mathcal{D}_Y Z + \mathcal{D}_Y \mathcal{D}_X Z + \mathcal{D}_{[X, Y]}Z \\ \mathcal{R}_m(X, Y, Z, W) &:= \langle \mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z, W \rangle\end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 10.4** ( $\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z$ ) ( $p$ ) depends only on  $X(p), Y(p), Z(p)$  (and not on their derivatives.)

$TM, E$  vector bundles over  $M$

**Definition** A  $k$ -linear map ( $k$ -linear over  $\mathbb{R}$ !)

$$T : C^\infty(TM) \times \cdots \times C^\infty(TM) \rightarrow C^\infty(E)$$

is called *tensorial* ( $k$ -linear over  $C^\infty(M)$ !)

$$T(f_1 X_1, \dots, f_k X_k) = f_1 \cdots f_k T(X_1, \dots, X_k) \quad \forall f_1, \dots, f_k \in C^\infty(M)$$

**Criterion for being a tensor field**

If a  $k$ -linear map (over  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$$T : \underbrace{C^\infty(TM) \times \cdots \times C^\infty(TM)}_k \rightarrow C^\infty(E)$$

is in fact  $k$ -linear over  $C^\infty(M)$ , i.e.

$$T(f_1 X_1, \dots, f_k X_k) = f_1 \cdots f_k T(X_1, \dots, X_k) \quad \forall f_1, \dots, f_k \in C^\infty(M)$$

(i.e.  $T$  is tensorial), then  $T$  is given by a tensor field, i.e.  $T(X_1, \dots, X_k)(p)$  depends only on  $X_1(p), \dots, X_k(p)$  and in fact there are  $k$ -linear maps

$$\tilde{T}(p) : T_p M \times \cdots \times T_p M \rightarrow E_p$$



such that

$$T(X_1, \dots, X_n)(p) = (\tilde{T}(p))(X_1(p), \dots, X_k(p))$$

Accordingly, the map

$$\tilde{T} : p \mapsto T(p)$$

is a section  $\tilde{T} \in C^\infty(T^*M \otimes \dots \otimes T^*M \otimes E)$ . We drop  $\sim$  and identify  $T$  with  $\tilde{T}$ .

**Proof** Let  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}$  be a coordinate fram for  $TM$  defined over some open  $U \ni p$ .

Fix a *cutoff function*  $\phi$  for  $p$  in  $U$  i.e.  $\phi \in C^\infty(M)$ ,  $\text{spt}\phi \subset\subset U$ ,  $\phi \equiv 1$  near  $p$ .

$$X_i = X_i^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \text{ on } U \text{ only!}$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} T(X_1, \dots, X_k)(p) &= \underbrace{\phi^{2k}(p)}_1 T(X_1, \dots, X_k)(p) \\ &= (\phi^{2k} T(X_1, \dots, X_k))(p) \\ &= T(\phi^2 X_1, \dots, \phi^2 X_k)(p) \\ &= \left( (\phi X_1^{j_1}) \cdots (\phi X_k^{j_k}) T\left(\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_k}}\right) \right)(p) \\ &= X_1^{j_1}(p) \cdots X_k^{j_k}(p) T\left(\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_1}}, \dots, \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{j_k}}\right)(p) \end{aligned}$$

depends only on  $X_1(p), \dots, X_k(p)$ , and indeed,  $k$ -linear. □

### Remark

- $\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \in C^\infty(TM)$  meaning

$$\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} = \begin{cases} \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} & \text{on } U \\ 0 & \text{on } M \setminus \text{spt}\phi \text{ (open)} \end{cases}$$

- $\phi X_i^j \in C^\infty(M)$

$$X, Y, Z, W \in C^\infty(TM)$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\cdot, \cdot) : C^\infty(TM) \times C^\infty(TM) \times C^\infty(TM) \rightarrow C^\infty(TM)$$

$$\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z := -\mathcal{D}_X \mathcal{D}_Y Z + \mathcal{D}_Y \mathcal{D}_X Z + \mathcal{D}_{[X, Y]} Z$$

$$\mathcal{R}_m(X, Y, Z, W) := \langle \mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z, W \rangle$$

**Proposition 10.5**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(\cdot, \cdot) \cdot &\in C^\infty(T^*M \otimes T^*M \otimes T^*M \otimes TM) \\ \mathcal{R}_m &\in C^\infty(T^*M \otimes T^*M \otimes T^*M \otimes T^*M)\end{aligned}$$

**Proof** It suffices to check  $\mathcal{R}(fX, gY)hZ = fgh\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z$  for  $f, g, h \in C^\infty(M)$  (Tensoriality Criterion).

Do  $h$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(X, Y)(hZ) &\stackrel{?}{=} h\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z \\ \mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_Y(hZ) &= \mathcal{D}_X((Yh)Z + h\mathcal{D}_YZ) \\ &= (X(Yh))Z + (Yh)\mathcal{D}_XZ + (Xh)\mathcal{D}_YZ + h\mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_YZ \\ \mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_Y(hZ) &= \text{similar} \dots \\ \mathcal{D}_{[X, Y]}(hZ) &= ([X, Y]h)Z + h\mathcal{D}_{[X, Y]}Z \\ \mathcal{R}(X, Y)(hZ) &= -h\mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_YZ + h\mathcal{D}_Y\mathcal{D}_XZ + h\mathcal{D}_{[X, Y]}Z \\ &\quad - (XYh)Z + (YXh)Z + [X, Y]hZ \\ &= h\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z\end{aligned}$$

Do  $f, g$ : similar but shorter

□

**Definition** Define components of the curvature tensor in a coordinate neighborhood by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} &= \mathcal{R}_{ijk}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \\ \mathcal{R}_{ijkl} &:= \mathcal{R}_m\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell}\right) = \left\langle \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z &= X^i Y^j Z^k \mathcal{R}_{ijk}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \\ \mathcal{R}_m(X, Y, Z, W) &= X^i Y^j Z^k W^\ell \mathcal{R}_{ijkl}\end{aligned}$$

**Note**  $\mathcal{R}_{ijkl} = g_{pl}\mathcal{R}_{ijk}^p$ .  $\mathcal{R}$  given by at most  $n^4$  functions.

**Invariance under isometries**  $\phi : (M, g) \rightarrow (N, h)$  isometry

$$\mathcal{R}_m^g(X, Y, Z, W)(p) = \mathcal{R}_m^h(\phi_*X, \phi_*Y, \phi_*Z, \phi_*W)(\phi(p))$$

**Diffeomorphism invariance**

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^*(f) &= f \circ \phi \\ \phi_*(f) &= f \circ \phi^{-1} \\ \phi_*(\mathcal{R}_m^g(X, Y, Z, W)) &= \mathcal{R}_m^{\phi^*(g)}(\phi_*X, \phi_*Y, \phi_*Z, \phi_*W)\end{aligned}$$

$C^\infty$  functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  with compact support

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x}} & x > 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$f$  is  $C^\infty$

**Claim**  $f^{(k)}(\eta) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\eta \rightarrow \infty \forall k$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{x^2} e^{-\frac{1}{x}} & f^{(k)} &= a_k(x) e^{-\frac{1}{x}} \\ f^{(2)} &= \left(-\frac{2}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^4}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{x}} & |a_k(x)| &\leq x^{-2k} \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1) \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 10.6**

- $\mathcal{R}_{ijk}^\ell = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Gamma_{jk}^\ell + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \Gamma_{ik}^\ell - \Gamma_{ip}^\ell \Gamma_{jk}^p + \Gamma_{jp}^\ell \Gamma_{ik}^p$
- $\mathcal{R}_{ijkl} = g_{lm} \mathcal{R}_{ijkm}^m$

**Proof**

i.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{ijk}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} &= \mathcal{R} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \\ &= -\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} + \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \\ &\quad + \mathcal{D}_{[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}]} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \\ &= -\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \left( \Gamma_{jk}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \right) + \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}} \left( \Gamma_{ik}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \right) \\ &= \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Gamma_{jk}^\ell \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} - \Gamma_{jk}^\ell \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \Gamma_{ik}^\ell \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} + \Gamma_{ik}^\ell \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Gamma_{jk}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} - \Gamma_{jk}^p \Gamma_{ip}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \Gamma_{ik}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} + \Gamma_{ik}^p \Gamma_{jp}^\ell \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \end{aligned}$$

□

The proposition shows:

$$g_{ij} \xrightarrow{\text{deriv}} \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{\text{deriv}} \mathcal{R}_m$$

$\mathcal{R}_m$  = combinations of various 0th, 1st and 2nd derivatives of components of the metric tensor  $g_{ij}(x)$ .

**Exercise** Find a formula for  $\mathcal{R}_{ijkl}$  in terms of  $g_{ij}, \partial g_{ij}, \partial^2 g_{ij}$  that shows:  $\mathcal{R}_{ijkl}$  is

- linear in  $\frac{\partial^2 g_{ij}}{\partial x^k \partial x^\ell}$
- quadratic in  $\frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x^k}$
- nonlinear in  $g_{ij}$ .

(recall: same pattern in ODE for geodesics)

### 10.4.1 Flat Manifolds

(Lee Chap 7.)

**Theorem 10.7 (Riemann)**  $\mathcal{R}_m \equiv 0$  iff  $M$  is locally isometric to Euclidean space.

**Proof** ( $\Leftarrow$ ) done

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $\mathcal{R}_m \equiv 0$  Fix  $p \in M$ . 4 steps:

- Build a set of *parallel*, orthonormal ( $\mathcal{R}_m \equiv 0$ ) vector fields  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  near  $p$ .
  - Then  $[Y_i, Y_j] = 0 \forall i, j$ .
  - Then  $M$  has a coordinate system  $y^1, \dots, y^n$  near  $p$  with  $Y^i = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$ .
  - A coordinate system whose coordinate vector fields are orthonormal is the same as an isometry into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- ii.  $\mathcal{D}_{Y_i} Y_j = 0 \forall i, j$  by i. so  $[Y_i, Y_j] = \mathcal{D}_{Y_i} Y_j - \mathcal{D}_{Y_j} Y_i = 0$
- iii. If
- $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  commute
  - $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  linearly independent at  $p$

$\Rightarrow$  there exists a coordinate system.  $\phi = (y^1, \dots, y^n) : U \subseteq M \xrightarrow{\cong} V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  near  $p$  such that

$$\underbrace{Y_i}_{\in U \subseteq M} = \phi^* \left( \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^n} \right)$$

- iv. Then  $\langle Y_i, Y_j \rangle_g \stackrel{(1)}{=} \delta_{ij} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \rangle_\delta$  so  $\phi$  is an isometry.

□

Follows from:

**Subclaim** Any  $\hat{Y} \in T_p M$  can be extended to parallel vector field near  $p$ . Why does it follow? Fix  $p$ .  $\hat{Y}_1, \dots, \hat{Y}_n \in T_p M$  orthonormal basis. Use subclaim to extend to  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  parallel defined near  $p$ . But  $X \cdot \langle Y_i, Y_j \rangle = \langle \mathcal{D}_X Y_i, Y_j \rangle + \langle Y_i, \mathcal{D}_X Y_j \rangle = 0$  so  $\langle Y_i, Y_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$  is constant near  $p$ .

**Proof of subclaim** Let  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  be any coordinate system near  $p$ .

$$p = 0, U = \{x \mid -\varepsilon < x_i < \varepsilon\}$$

Fix  $\hat{Y} \in T_p M$

$$M_k := \{(x^1, \dots, x^k, 0, \dots, 0) \mid -\varepsilon < x_1, \dots, x_k < \varepsilon\} \cong \mathbb{R}^k$$

$$\{0\} = M_0 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq M_n = U$$

Extend  $\hat{Y}$  from  $M_0$  to  $M_1$  by parallel transport along  $\gamma : t \mapsto (t, 0, \dots, 0) \in M_1$ . Get:

$$\begin{cases} Y : M_1 \rightarrow TM_1 \\ \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Y = 0 \text{ on } M_1 \end{cases}$$

Extend from  $M_1$  to  $M_2$

$$x = (x^1, 0, \dots, 0) \in M_1$$

$$\gamma_x : t \mapsto (x^1, t, 0, \dots, 0) \in M_2$$

Extend  $Y$  along  $\gamma_x$  by parallel translation. Get:

$$\begin{cases} Y : M_2 \rightarrow TM \\ \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}} Y = 0 \text{ on } M_2 \\ \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Y = 0 \text{ on } M_1 \end{cases}$$

$Y(x_1, x_2, 0, \dots, 0)$  is smooth in  $x^1, x^2$  by smooth dependence of solutions of ODEs on initial conditions (and using the fact that  $(x_1, 0, \dots, 0)$  is smooth).

Want:  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Y = 0$  on  $M_2$ . By definition of curvature

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Y &= \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}} Y + \mathcal{D}_{[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}]} Y - \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}\right) Y \\ &= \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}} Y}_{=0} \\ &= 0 \text{ on } M_2 \end{aligned}$$

So  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Y$  is parallel along  $\gamma_x$ . But  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Y = 0$  at  $\gamma_x(0) = (x^1, 0, \dots, 0)$  so  $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Y = 0$  on  $\gamma_x$  i.e. on  $M_2$ .

Proceed by induction.

Extend  $Y$  from  $M_k$  to  $M_{k+1}$  Given:

$$(H_k) \begin{cases} Y : M_k & \rightarrow TM \\ \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Y = \dots = \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}} Y = 0 & \text{on } M_k \end{cases}$$

Want:

$$(H_{k+1}) \begin{cases} Y : M_{k+1} & \rightarrow TM \\ \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}} Y = \dots = \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{k+1}}} Y = 0 & \text{on } M_{k+1} \end{cases}$$

Using parallel transport along curves

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_x : t \mapsto & (x^1, \dots, x^k, t, 0, \dots, 0) \in M_{k+1} \\ & (x = (x^1, \dots, x^k, 0, \dots, 0) \in M_k \end{aligned}$$

get

$$\begin{aligned} Y : M_{k+1} & \rightarrow TM \\ \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{k+1}}} Y & = 0 \text{ on } M_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Using  $\mathcal{R}_m \equiv 0$  as before, we get

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{k+1}}} \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} Y = \mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{k+1}}} Y}_{=0} = 0$$

on  $M_{k+1}$ , so as (before)

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} Y = 0 \text{ on } M_{k+1} \quad \forall i$$

□

## 10.5 Symmetries of Curvature

i.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_m(X, Y, Z, W) & \stackrel{(a)}{=} -\mathcal{R}_m(Y, X, Z, W) \\ & \stackrel{(b)}{=} -\mathcal{R}_m(X, Y, W, Z) \end{aligned}$$

ii.  $\mathcal{R}_m(X, Y, Z, W) = \mathcal{R}_m(Z, W, X, Y)$

iii.  $0 = \mathcal{R}_m(X, Y, Z, W) + \mathcal{R}_m(Y, Z, X, W) + \mathcal{R}_m(Z, X, Y, W)$  (Bianchi I)

**Proof**

i. (a)  $\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z = -\mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_YZ + \mathcal{D}_Y\mathcal{D}_XZ + \mathcal{D}_{[X,Y]}Z$

(b) Differentiate  $\langle Z, W \rangle$  twice:

$$\begin{aligned} X \cdot Y \cdot \langle Z, W \rangle &= X \cdot (\langle \mathcal{D}_YZ, W \rangle + \langle Z, \mathcal{D}_YW \rangle) \\ &= \langle \mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_YZ, W \rangle + \langle \mathcal{D}_YZ, \mathcal{D}_XW \rangle + \langle \mathcal{D}_XZ, \mathcal{D}_YW \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle Z, \mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_YW \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Antisymmetrize in  $X, Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [X, Y] \cdot \langle Z, W \rangle &= \langle \mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_YZ - \mathcal{D}_Y\mathcal{D}_XZ, W \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle Z, \mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_YW - \mathcal{D}_Y\mathcal{D}_XW \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$[X, Y] \cdot \langle Z, W \rangle = \langle \mathcal{D}_{[X,Y]}Z, W \rangle + \langle Z, \mathcal{D}_{[X,Y]}W \rangle$$

Rearrange:

$$\langle \mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z, W \rangle + \langle Z, \mathcal{R}(X, Y)W \rangle = 0$$

iii. (Bianchi I)  $0 = \mathcal{R}_m(X, Y, Z, W) + \mathcal{R}_m(Y, Z, X, W) + \mathcal{R}_m(Z, X, Y, W)$ .

$$\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z = -\mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_YZ + \mathcal{D}_Y\mathcal{D}_XZ + \mathcal{D}_{[X,Y]}Z$$

$$\mathcal{R}(Y, Z)X = -\mathcal{D}_Y\mathcal{D}_ZX + \mathcal{D}_Z\mathcal{D}_YX + \mathcal{D}_{[Y,Z]}X$$

$$\mathcal{R}(Z, X)Y = -\mathcal{D}_Z\mathcal{D}_XY + \mathcal{D}_X\mathcal{D}_ZY + \mathcal{D}_{[Z,X]}Y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum} &= -\mathcal{D}_X[Y, Z] - \mathcal{D}_Y[Z, X] - \mathcal{D}_Z[X, Y] + \mathcal{D}_{[X,Y]}Z + \mathcal{D}_{[Y,Z]}X + \mathcal{D}_{[Z,X]}Y \\ &= -[X, [Y, Z]] - [Y, [Z, X]] - [Z, [X, Y]] = 0 \text{ Jacobi identity} \end{aligned}$$

ii. combine i. and iii. cleverly. Exercise

□

In components:

i.  $\mathcal{R}_{ijkl} = -\mathcal{R}_{jikl} = -\mathcal{R}_{ijlk}$

ii.  $\mathcal{R}_{ijkl} = \mathcal{R}_{klij}$

iii.  $\mathcal{R}_{ijkl} + \mathcal{R}_{jkil} + \mathcal{R}_{kijl} = 0$

Elie Carton called Differential Geometry “the debauch of indices”. Gromov: “The Riemannian curvature tensor remains a nasty, mysterious bundle of multilinear algebra.”

**Exercise** What is the dimension of the space of potential curvature tensors at a point?

**Example**

$n = 1$   $\mathcal{R}_{1111} = -\mathcal{R}_{1111} \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}_{1111} \equiv 0$  no curvature.

$n = 2$   $0 = \mathcal{R}_{11ij} = \mathcal{R}_{22ij} = \mathcal{R}_{ij11} = \mathcal{R}_{ij22}$   $\mathcal{R}_{1212} = -\mathcal{R}_{2112} = -\mathcal{R}_{1221} = \mathcal{R}_{2121}$   
 The Riemannian curvature tensor of a 2-manifold reduces to a single scalar. What is that scalar?

i.  $(M^2, g)$   $\kappa(p) := \mathcal{R}_m(e_1, e_2, e_1, e_2)$ ,  $e_1, e_2$  orthonormal basis of  $T_pM$ .

**Exercise** Prove  $\kappa(p)$  is independent of choice of  $e_1, e_2$ .

**Theorem 10.8 (Theorema Egregium (Gauss))** Suppose  $(M^2, g)$  is isometrically embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then

$$\kappa(p) = k_1 \cdot k_2$$

product of principal curvatures of  $M^2$  inside  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$(M^n, g), p \in M, \sigma \subset T_pM$  2-plane

**Definition** Sectinal curvature of  $M$  at  $p$  along  $\sigma$ .

$$\kappa(p, \sigma) := \mathcal{R}_m(e_1, e_2, e_1, e_2)$$

$e_1, e_2$  orthonormal basis of  $\sigma$ . (Exercise: independence of  $e_1, e_2$ )

**Fact**

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(p, \sigma) &\equiv 1 \quad \text{on } S^n \\ \kappa(p, \sigma) &\equiv -1 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{H}^n \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 10.9** If  $(M, g)$  has  $\kappa(p, \sigma) \geq \frac{1}{r^2} > 0 \forall p, \sigma$  then  $M$  is compact and  $\text{diam}(M) := \max_{p, q \in M} d(p, q) \leq \pi r$   $\kappa \geq \frac{1}{r^2} > 0 \Rightarrow M$  is compact.



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