

1 Exercise 1 solution

1.1 Part (a)

We define the map $F : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by:

$$F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) := (x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 - x_4^2, x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 - 4)$$

Then, we have that the wanted set M is equal to $F^{-1}\{0\}$. If we show that 0 is a regular value of F , it will follow that M is a submanifold of \mathbb{R}^4 of dimension $4 - 2 = 2$.

We know that at (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) the differential of F equals

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 & 2x_2 & -2x_3 & -2x_4 \\ 2x_1 & 2x_2 & 2x_3 & 2x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in F^{-1}\{0\}$ then we can check that x_1 and x_2 can't simultaneously be 0. Similarly, both x_3 and x_4 can't be 0. Hence, the above matrix has full rank. Thus M is indeed a 2 dimensional submanifold of \mathbb{R}^4 .

1.2 Part (b)

We know that the tangent space to M at $p = (1, 1, -1, -1)$ is 2 dimensional, and given by the kernel of $T_p F$. As computed above,

$$T_p F = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The kernel of this, we can see is the span of the two vectors $\{(p, (1, -1, 0, 0)), (p, (0, 0, 1, -1))\}$.

1.3 Part (c)

Denote the span of the vectors $\{e_2, e_3\}$ by V , and $\{e_1, e_4\}$ by W . Note that $\mathbb{R}^4 = V \oplus W$.

$$DF(p)|_W = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The determinant of this is 8, so $DF(p)|_W$ is invertible. F is also smooth, so we can use the implicit function theorem to tell us that there exists some smooth function $g : V \rightarrow W$ so in a neighborhood of $(x_2, x_3) = (1, -1)$,

$$F(g_1(x_2, x_3), x_2, x_3, g_2(x_2, x_3)) = 0$$

Then the chain rule tells us that

$$DF(p)|_W Dg(1, -1) + DF(p)|_V = 0$$

So

$$Dg(1, -1) = - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 Exercise 2 solution

The question of whether TX is a manifold is local on TX , since we ask that there exists some open set about each point (x, v) . Thus for each x , we may replace X by an open neighborhood U of x in X , for which there exists a diffeomorphism $\phi : U \rightarrow V$, where $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is open. We now answer the equivalent question for U . We know that $T(\phi) : TU \rightarrow TV \cong V \times \mathbb{R}^n$ is then a smooth map. We know also that $T(\phi^{-1})$ maps TV to TU and is smooth. We must check that these maps are inverses to each other. This follows from the chain rule. Thus, TU is diffeomorphic to $TV \cong V \times \mathbb{R}^n$. This is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^{2n} . Hence, it follows that TX is a $2n$ -dimensional manifold.

3 Exercise 3 solution

3.1 Part (a)

Let S_n denote the set of all $n \times n$ symmetric matrices. As suggested in the lecture notes, Lecture 2, Example 3, we consider the map

$$\begin{aligned} f : M_n &\rightarrow S_n \\ A &\mapsto A^T A - I, \end{aligned}$$

which is a smooth map, as it is given in coordinates by polynomial expressions. Then, $O(n) = f^{-1}(0)$. To see this note that

$$Ax \cdot Ay = x^T A^T Ay$$

so A preserves the dot product if and only if $A^T A = I$.

To apply Theorem 1 from the same lecture, we need to check that every element $A \in O(n)$ is a regular value for the map f . Since $M_n \cong \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$, we may identify the

tangent space at every point A naturally with M_n itself. Thus, to compute $Df(A)$, we may consider paths of the form $p(t) = A + tX$, where X is an arbitrary element of M_n .

In particular, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} f(A + tX) &= (A + tX)^T(A + tX) - Id = A^T A + t(X^T A + A^T X) + t^2 X^T X - Id \\ &= t(X^T A + A^T X) + t^2 X^T X. \end{aligned}$$

We apply $\frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}$, to get $Df(A)(X) = X^T A + A^T X$. We immediately get that the above matrix lies in S_n . Now, given any $A \in O^n$, and $Y \in T_0 S_n \cong S_n$, we let $X = AY/2$. Then $Df(A)(X) = Y/2^T A^T A + A^T AY/2 = Y$. Therefore, $Df(A)$ is surjective for all $A \in O^n$.

Using the fact that the space of all $n \times n$ symmetric matrices is a vector space of dimension $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$, it follows that $O(n)$ is a smooth $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ submanifold of \mathbb{R}^{n^2} of dimension $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. Every element of $O(n)$ has orthonormal rows, so $O(n)$ is a bounded subset of the space of all $n \times n$ matrices. (In particular, each entry is bounded by 1.) Also, since the map $A \mapsto AA^T - Id$ is continuous, the preimage of zero under this map, which is precisely $O(n)$ is closed. Consequently, $O(n)$ is indeed compact.

3.2 Part (b)

Identifying $T_I M_n$ with M_n as above, we have

$$T_I O(n) = \ker Df(I)$$

As computed above, $Df(I)(X) = X^T I + I^T X = X^T + X$. We therefore have that

$$T_I O(n) = \text{Skew}(n) = \{A \in M_n \mid A^T + A = 0\}$$

4 Exercise 4 solution

We reduce this to the Theorem 1 of Lecture 2, as follows.

First, the condition that $X = f^{-1}(Y)$ is a manifold is local on both X and Y , which we see as follows. X is a submanifold if every point $x \in X$ has some open neighborhood V diffeomorphic to an open subset in \mathbb{R}^s . Thus, for a fixed x , we can replace X by an open neighborhood U of x , and V by $U \cap V$ (and conversely, $U \cap V$ is open in X). Similarly, we can replace Y by a neighborhood of $y = f(x)$.

By choosing a sufficiently small neighborhood of y , we may in fact take Y to be the coordinate plane $\mathbb{R}^k \subset \mathbb{R}^m$. Consider the projection $\pi : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m / \mathbb{R}^k \cong \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$.

Then, clearly, $Y = \pi^{-1}(0)$, and thus, $f^{-1}(Y) = f^{-1}(\pi^{-1}(0)) = (\pi \circ f)^{-1}(0)$. The condition that f was transversal to Y at x clearly implies that x is a regular point of $(\pi \circ f)$, and we thus by Theorem 1 of the notes, we are done.