

1. EXAMPLES OF SMOOTH MANIFOLDS

Recall from the previous lecture that if c is a regular value of $F: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ where U is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^{n+k}

then $M = \{F = c\}$ has a natural structure of a generalized manifold of dimension n .

Example 1.0.1. Let $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ be the set of all $n \times n$ matrices with determinant 1. It is a smooth manifold of dimension $n^2 - 1$. To see this let $M(n \times m)$ be the set of all real $n \times m$ matrices. It can be canonically identified with \mathbb{R}^{nm} . $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is a subset of $M(n \times n)$ equal to the level set $\{F = 1\}$ of the function $F: M(n \times n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $F(A) = \det A$. Since the formula for the determinant of a matrix is polynomial in the coefficients of the matrix, it is obviously smooth.

We claim that 1 is a regular value of F . To see this we need to show that the differential $dF_A: \mathbb{R}^{n^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is onto for any $A \in SL(n, \mathbb{R})$. Since the target is 1-dimensional this is equivalent to checking that $dF_A \neq 0$.

Let's find the formula for dF_A . We first consider the case $A = Id$.

Claim:

$$dF_{Id}(X) = \text{tr}(X)$$

for any $X \in M(n \times n)$.

Since both the left and the right side of this formula are linear in X it's enough to verify it on the standard basis of $M(n \times n) = \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$.

Let E_{ij} be the $n \times n$ matrix which has the (i, j) entry equal to 1 and all other entries equal to 0.

Suppose $i \neq j$. Then $\text{tr}(E_{ij}) = 0$. On the other hand, $dF_{Id}(E_{ij}) = D_{E_{ij}}F_{Id} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(Id + tE_{ij}) - F(Id)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-1}{t} = 0$ since $Id + tE_{ij}$ is a triangular matrix with 1's on the diagonal.

Thus $dF_{Id}(E_{ij}) = \text{tr}(E_{ij})$ for any $i \neq j$.

Let's now consider the case $i = j$. Obviously, $\text{tr}(E_{ii}) = 1$.

As before we compute $dF_{Id}(E_{ii}) = D_{E_{ii}}F_{Id} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(Id + tE_{ii}) - F(Id)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1+t-1}{t} = 1$ because $Id + tE_{ij}$ is a diagonal matrix with the i th diagonal entry equal to $1 + t$ and the rest of diagonal elements equal to 1. $dF_{Id}(E_{ii}) = \text{tr}(E_{ii})$ for any i . Together with the above this means that $dF_{Id}(E_{ij}) = \text{tr}(E_{ij})$ for any i, j . By linearity of tr and dF_{Id} this proves the **Claim**.

Now suppose A is an arbitrary matrix in $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ and let $X \in M(n \times n)$ be any matrix.

Then, using multiplicativity of determinants and the Claim above we compute

$$\begin{aligned} dF_A(X) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(A + tX) - F(A)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\det(A + tX) - \det(A)}{t} = \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\det(A(Id + tA^{-1}X)) - \det(A)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\det(A) \det(Id + tA^{-1}X) - \det(A)}{t} = \end{aligned}$$

$$\det A \cdot \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\det(Id + tA^{-1}X) - \det(Id)}{t} = \text{tr}(A^{-1}X)$$

Thus

$$dF_A(X) = \text{tr}(A^{-1}X)$$

This obviously means that $dF_A \neq 0$ (e.g. because $dF_A(A) = \text{tr}(A^{-1}A) = n$). Therefore 1 is a regular value of F and hence $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{F = 1\}$ is a smooth manifold of dimension $n^2 - 1$.

Example 1.0.2. Let $O(n) = \{A \in M(n \times n) \mid \text{such that } A \cdot A^t = Id\}$. Then $O(n)$ is a smooth manifold. To see this, consider the map $F: M(n \times n) \rightarrow M(n \times n)$ given by $F(A) = A \cdot A^t$. Then $O(n) = \{F = Id\}$. However, Id is not a regular value because $(A \cdot A^t)^t = (A^t)^t \cdot A^t = A \cdot A^t$ which means that $(A \cdot A^t)$ is symmetric for any A . Let $Sym(n)$ be the set of symmetric $n \times n$ matrices. Then F maps $M(n \times n)$ to $Sym(n)$.

Claim. Id is a regular value of $F: M(n \times n) \rightarrow Sym(n)$. Consequently, $O(n)$ is a smooth manifold of dimension $n(n-1)/2$. (Homework).

2. MANIFOLDS WITH BOUNDARY

Let $\mathbb{H}^n = \mathbb{R}_+^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \text{such that } x_n \geq 0\}$. We will call the set $\{x_n > 0\}$ the *interior* of \mathbb{H}^n and denote it by $\text{int } \mathbb{H}^n$. We will call the set $\{x_n = 0\}$ the *boundary* of \mathbb{H}^n and denote it by $\partial \mathbb{H}^n$.

A subset $U \subset \mathbb{H}^n$ is said to be open in \mathbb{H}^n if $U = W \cap \mathbb{H}^n$ for some open set $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Definition 2.0.3. Let $U \subset \mathbb{H}^n$ be open. A map $F: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is called *smooth* if for every point $x \in U$ there exists an open set $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ containing x such that $W \cap \mathbb{H}^n \subset U$ and $F|_{U \cap W}$ admits a smooth extension $\bar{F}: W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$.

(Note that \bar{F} need not be unique).

Definition 2.0.4. A *generalized smooth manifold with boundary* is a set X together with an atlas $\{\psi_\alpha: V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha \subset X\}_{\alpha \in A}$ where V_α is an open subset of \mathbb{H}^n such that the following properties are satisfied

- (1) $\cup_\alpha U_\alpha = X$
- (2) $\psi_\alpha: V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha$ is a bijection for every α
- (3) For any α, β the set $U_{\alpha\beta} = \psi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$ is open in \mathbb{R}^n
- (4) For any α, β the map $\psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha: U_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow U_{\beta\alpha}$ is smooth.

Similar to usual manifolds one can define equivalence of atlases and prove the existence of a unique maximal atlas containing a given atlas for (generalized) manifolds with boundary.

As for manifolds without boundary one can define the topology on a generalized manifold with boundary: A subset $U \subset X$ is called open if $U \cap \psi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ is open in \mathbb{H}^n .

Definition 2.0.5. A generalized smooth manifold X with boundary is called a *smooth manifold with boundary* if it admits a countable atlas and is Hausdorff.

Example 2.0.6.

- \mathbb{H}^n is a smooth manifold with boundary
- $\bar{D}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x| \leq 1\}$ is a smooth manifold with boundary
- A (generalized) smooth manifold is a (generalized) smooth manifold with boundary (why?) If M^n is a smooth manifold of dimension n and N^m is a smooth manifold with boundary of dimension m then $M \times N$ is a smooth manifold with boundary of dimension $n + m$.
- Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open and let $F: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be smooth. Suppose $c \in \mathbb{R}$ is a regular value of f . Then $\{F \leq c\}$ and $\{F \geq c\}$ are smooth manifolds with boundary of dimension n .

Proof. We will construct an atlas on $M = \{F \geq c\}$ as follows. Let $F(p) > c$. Then because F is continuous, there is an $\epsilon > 0$ such that $B_\epsilon(p) \subset \{F > c\}$. Pick a sufficiently large $d > 0$ such that $B_\epsilon(p + (0, \dots, 0, d)) \subset \mathbb{H}^n$. Set $V_p = B_\epsilon(p + (0, \dots, 0, d))$ and define $\psi_p: V_p \rightarrow M$ by the formula $\psi_p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - d)$.

Now suppose $F(p) = c$. Since c is a regular value of F we have that $(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1}(p), \dots, \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n}(p)) \neq 0$. For simplicity let's assume $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n}(p) \neq 0$. As in the proof of the Implicit function theorem consider the map $\Phi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by $\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, F(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) - c)$. We have that the matrix of partial derivatives $[d\Phi(p)]$ of Φ is an upper triangular matrix with 1's on the diagonal except for the last entry which is equal to $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n}(p)$. Therefore $\det[d\Phi(p)] = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n}(p) \neq 0$ and the Inverse Function Theorem is applicable. It says that for some small ϵ the map Φ bijectively maps $B_\epsilon(p)$ to an open set W in \mathbb{R}^n and its inverse $\Psi: W \rightarrow B_\epsilon(p)$ is also smooth. Note that by construction $\Phi(\{F \geq c\} \cap B_\epsilon(p)) = W \cap \mathbb{H}^n$ and $\Phi(\{F = c\} \cap B_\epsilon(p)) = W \cap \partial\mathbb{H}^n$. Let $\Psi_p = \Phi^{-1}: V_p = W \cap \mathbb{H}^n \rightarrow (\{F \geq c\} \cap B_\epsilon(p))$. This will be our parameterization of M near p .

It is now easy to see that the collection of all Ψ_p over $p \in M$ gives a smooth atlas satisfying the definition of a generalized manifold with boundary.

The fact that the resulting generalized manifold with boundary is Hausdorff and admits a countable atlas is proved in the same way as for regular level sets and is left to the reader as an exercise. \square

Definition 2.0.7. Let X be a (generalized) smooth manifold with boundary. A point $p \in X$ is called *interior* if for *some* chart $\psi_\alpha: V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha \subset X$ we have that $p = \psi_\alpha(p_\alpha)$ for some $p_\alpha \in \text{int } \mathbb{H}^n$.

A point p is called a boundary point of X if for *some* chart $\psi_\alpha: V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha \subset X$ we have that $p = \psi_\alpha(p_\alpha)$ for some $p_\alpha \in \partial\mathbb{H}^n$.

Theorem 2.0.8 (Topological invariance of the boundary). *Let X^n be a (generalized) smooth manifold with boundary of dimension n .*

- (1) *Every point p of X is either an interior point of X or a boundary point of X but not both.*
- (2) *Let $\text{int } X$ be the set of interior points of X and let ∂X be the set of boundary points of X . Then $\text{int } X$ is a (generalized) smooth manifold of dimension n and ∂X is a (generalized) smooth manifold of dimension $n - 1$.*

Proof. To see (1) suppose that p is both an interior and a boundary point of X at the same time. This means that there exists parameterizations $\psi_\alpha: V_\alpha \rightarrow U_\alpha \ni p$ and $\psi_\beta: V_\beta \rightarrow U_\beta \ni p$ such that V_α, V_β are open subsets of \mathbb{H}^n , $p = \psi_\alpha(p_\alpha) = \psi_\beta(p_\beta)$ and $p_\alpha \in \text{int } \mathbb{H}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_n > 0\}$ and $p_\beta \in \partial\mathbb{H}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_n = 0\}$. By taking a small ball around p_α and reducing the domain of ψ_α we can assume that V_α is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

Consider the transition maps $\psi_{\alpha\beta} = \psi_\beta^{-1} \circ \psi_\alpha: V_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow V_{\beta\alpha}$ and $\psi_{\beta\alpha}: V_{\beta\alpha} \rightarrow V_{\alpha\beta}$.

They are inverse to each other and WLOG we can assume that $\psi_{\beta\alpha}$ admits a smooth extension $\bar{\psi}_{\beta\alpha}$ to a set $W_{\beta\alpha}$ which is open in \mathbb{R}^n . Since $\bar{\psi}_{\beta\alpha} \circ \psi_{\alpha\beta} = \psi_{\beta\alpha} \circ \psi_{\alpha\beta} = \text{Id}$ by the chain rule we conclude that $d_{p_\alpha} \psi_{\alpha\beta}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is an isomorphism.

By the Inverse Function Theorem this means that there exist an open ball $B_\epsilon(p_\alpha) \subset V_{\alpha\beta}$ such that its image under $\psi_{\alpha\beta}$ is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n containing p_β .

This is a contradiction because the image of $V_{\alpha\beta}$ under $\psi_{\alpha\beta}$ is equal to $V_{\beta\alpha}$ which is a subset of \mathbb{H}^n and no ball around p_β is contained in \mathbb{H}^n .

Part (2) follows easily from part (1) (Exercise) \square

Remark 2.0.9. A smooth manifold with boundary X is as smooth manifold (without boundary) if and only if $\partial X = \emptyset$.