

Smooth Manifolds and Their Tangent Bundles

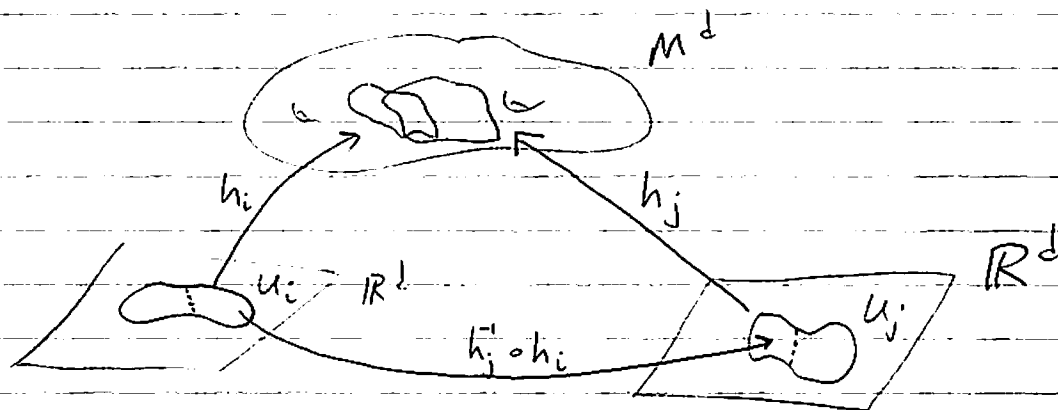
Tangent bundles to smooth manifolds are one of the oldest and most important examples of vector bundles.

Def'n: A smooth structure on a d -dim'l mfld

M^d is a collection of charts $h_i: U_i \rightarrow M^d$

(U_i open in \mathbb{R}^d) whose images cover M^d and whose

transition functions $h_j^{-1} \circ h_i$ are smooth.



- Note that $h_j^{-1} \circ h_i$ is defined on $h_i^{-1}(h_j(U_i) \cap h_i(U_j))$.

- We call a map $h: U \rightarrow V$ ($U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ open sets) smooth if all partial derivatives of all orders exist and are continuous.

Tangent bundles to smooth manifolds can be described abstractly (see Spivak, Diff. Geom. Vol. I), but it is much easier to define tangent bundles to submanifolds of \mathbb{R}^n .

because we already know how to define tangent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n :

Following Milnor-Stasheff, we have:

Def'n: A subset $M^d \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ is a (sub)-manifold of dimension d if at each point $x \in M^d$ there exists an open set $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ and a smooth map $h: U \rightarrow M^d$ (i.e. $U \xrightarrow{h} M^d \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ is smooth)

such that

- 1) h is a homeomorphism onto its image;
- 2) the vectors $\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial u_j} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial u_j} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial h_N}{\partial u_j} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ($j=1, \dots, d$) are linearly independent (i.e. the Jacobian $(\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial u_j}(a))$ has maximum rank).

[We call h a local parametrization.]

Remarks - Condition 1) implies that M^d is a topological mfd.
 - Condition 2) implies that M^d is a smooth mfd:
 Using the Implicit Fcn theorem one can check that the transition fcn's $g \circ h$ are automatically smooth (Lemma 1.1 in Milnor-Stasheff).

- The notation $\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial u_j}$ means we write $h(a) = (h_1(a), \dots, h_N(a)) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and then $\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial u_j}(a) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{h_i(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1} + t, \dots, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_d) - h_i(a)}{t}$
 $(a = (a_1, \dots, a_d))$

We now want to define tangent vectors to points $x \in M$. These arise as velocity vectors to smooth paths through x .

Def'n: If $\alpha: [a, b] \xrightarrow{\in \mathbb{R}} M^d \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ is smooth and $\alpha(t_0) = x$, then the velocity vector of α at t_0 is $\alpha'(t) = \left(\frac{d\alpha_1}{dt}(t_0), \dots, \frac{d\alpha_N}{dt}(t_0) \right)$.

Def'n: The tangent space $T_x M^d$ to $M^d \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ at a point $x \in M^d$ is $\left\{ \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N \mid \vec{v} = \alpha'(t) \text{ for some smooth path } \alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M^d \text{ w/ } \alpha(t) = x \right\}$.

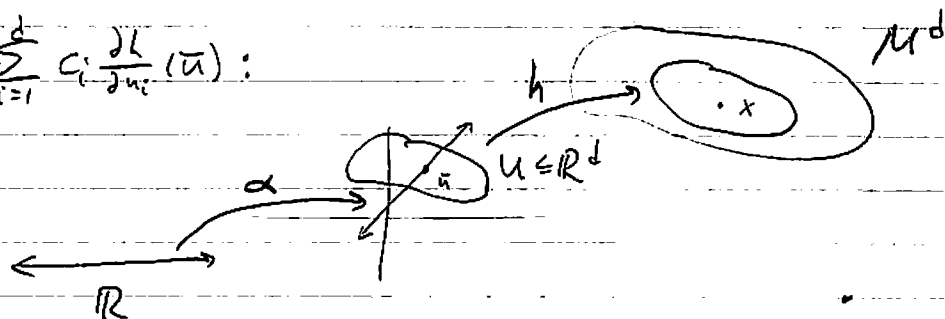
Lemma 1.2: Say $h: U \rightarrow M^d$ is a local parametrization of M^d , with $x = h(\bar{u})$. Then

$$T_x M^d = \text{Span} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial u_1}(\bar{u}), \dots, \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_d}(\bar{u}) \right).$$

Proof: For any $\sum_{i=1}^d c_i \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_i}(\bar{u}) \in \text{Span} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial u_i}(\bar{u}) \right)$, there

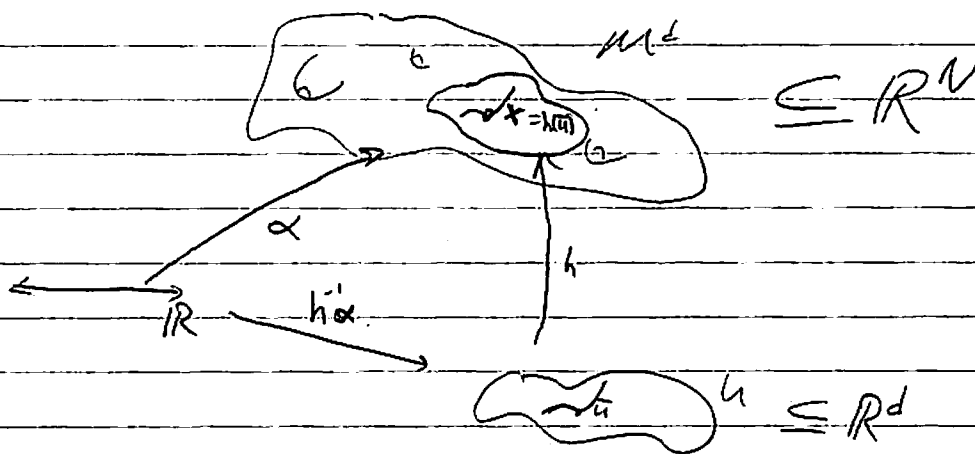
is a line $\alpha(t) = \bar{u} + t \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_d \end{pmatrix}$ ($\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$) such that

$$(h \circ \alpha)'(0) = (Dh)_{\bar{u}} \alpha'(0) = \sum_{i=1}^d c_i \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_i}(\bar{u}):$$



In the other direction, if $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M^d$ is any curve with $\alpha(t) = x$, then $\alpha'(t) = [h^{-1} \circ \alpha]'(t) = (Dh)_{\bar{u}} (h^{-1} \circ \alpha)'(t) \in \text{Span} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial u_i}(\bar{u}) \right)$. \square

The picture is:



Defn: The tangent bundle to a smooth manifold $M^d \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$

is the union of all tangent spaces $T_x M^d, x \in M^d$:

$$T(M^d) = \{(x, \vec{v}) \in M^d \times \mathbb{R}^N \mid \vec{v} \in T_x M^d\}$$

We topologize $T(M^d)$ as a subspace of $M^d \times \mathbb{R}^N$,

so that the projection map $\begin{matrix} T(M^d) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M^d \\ (x, \vec{v}) & \downarrow & x \end{matrix}$ is continuous.

Lemma: $T(M^d)$ is locally trivial: that is, we have

homeomorphisms $\pi^{-1}(V) \xrightarrow{\varphi} V \times \mathbb{R}^d$ whenever $V \subseteq h(U)$ for some

local parametrization $h: U \rightarrow M^d$. Moreover, these homeomorphisms

are linear on each fiber, i.e. $\varphi|_{T_x(M^d)} \rightarrow \{x\} \times \mathbb{R}^d$ is linear.

[Note: φ is a homeomorphism, so linear on fibers \Rightarrow isom. on fibers.]

Proof: The parametrization h gives us a choice of basis $\left\{ \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_j}(\bar{u}) \right\}_{j=1}^d$ for $T_x(M^d)$. We now define

$$\varphi\left(x, \sum c_i \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_j}(\bar{u})\right) = \left(x, \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_d \end{pmatrix}\right) \in V \times \mathbb{R}^d;$$

and $\varphi^{-1}\left(x, \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_d \end{pmatrix}\right) = \left(x, \sum c_i \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_j}(\bar{u})\right)$.

These maps are well-defined and inverse to one another, and since $\frac{\partial h}{\partial u_j}$ is continuous, we know that φ^{-1} is continuous.

To check continuity of φ , we use some basic linear algebra together with Kronecker's Rule. We need to show that

the maps $(Dh)_{h^{-1}v}$, which are injective linear maps, have continuously varying left inverses. The canonical

left inverse to a linear injection $\mathbb{R}^d \xrightarrow{A} \mathbb{R}^N$ is given by $\mathbb{R}^N = A(\mathbb{R}^d) \oplus A(\mathbb{R}^d)^\perp \xrightarrow{\text{orthogonal complement to } A(\mathbb{R}^d)} \mathbb{R}^d$; the matrix

for this map in the standard bases for \mathbb{R}^N and \mathbb{R}^d is the product

$$d \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \left(A(e_1) \dots A(e_d) \vec{a}_{d+1} \dots \vec{a}_N \right)^{-1}$$

[multiplying by $(A \vec{a}_{d+1} \dots \vec{a}_N)$ shows that $(A \vec{a}_{d+1} \dots \vec{a}_N)^{-1} e_i$ gives coords of e_i in basis $\{Ae_i, a_j\}$. Where $\vec{a}_{d+1}, \dots, \vec{a}_N$ is any basis for $A(\mathbb{R}^d)^\perp$. In our case,

we begin w/ any basis $\{\vec{a}_i\}_{d+1}^N$ for $(Dh)_{h^{-1}v}(\mathbb{R}^d)^\perp$. Since linear

subspaces of \mathbb{R}^N are closed, and Dh varies continuously, there is

a nbhd V of x on which the \vec{a}_i remain outside $(Dh)_{h^{-1}v}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ (for $v \in V$).

Applying the Gram-Schmidt process to the vectors

$(Dh)_{h^{-1}v} e_i, a_i$ yields a basis $\{a'_i\}$ for $(Dh)_{h^{-1}v}(\mathbb{R}^d)^\perp$, varying continuously

with $v \in V$. Cramer's Rule shows, that the inverse of $[(Dh)_{h^{-1}v} \ a_{11}^i(v) \ \dots \ a_{1n}^i(v)]$ varies continuously as well. This completes the proof. \square

[Milnor says this lemma is "not difficult to verify", but then he gives a proof of the simpler result Lemma 2.3. Is there a better proof?]

The tangent bundle $T(M^d)$ is our first example of a vector bundle.

Def'n: A vector bundle $V \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ is a pair of spaces

(V, B) , together with a continuous projection map $\pi: V \rightarrow B$, and a choice of a real vector space structure on each fiber

$\pi^{-1}(b)$ ($b \in B$). This structure must satisfy the local

triviality condition:

For each $b \in B$ there is an open nbhd $b \in U \subset B$

and a homeomorphism: $V|_U = \pi^{-1}(U) \xrightarrow{\varphi} U \times \mathbb{R}^n$ (for some n)

which is linear on each fiber $\pi^{-1}(b)$, $b \in U$.

Def'n A map of vector bundles $(V, B) \rightarrow (V', B')$ is a comm. diag.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & V' \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi' \\ B & \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}} & B' \end{array}$$

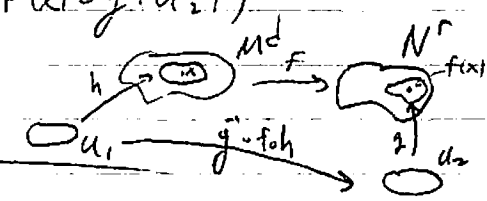
such that φ restricts to a linear map on each fiber $\pi^{-1}(b)$.

Smooth maps b/w mflds give the first examples of maps between vector bundles:

Def'n: A smooth map $f: M^d \rightarrow N^r$ b/w smooth mflds is a fcn such that for each $x \in M^d$ there exist parametrizations

$$h: U_1 \rightarrow M^d, \quad g: U_2 \rightarrow N^r \quad (x \in h(U_1), f(x) \in g(U_2))$$

such that $g^{-1} \circ f \circ h: U_1 \rightarrow U_2$ is smooth:



A smooth map $M^d \xrightarrow{f} N^r$ induces a map (its total derivative)

$$Df: TM^d \rightarrow TN^r$$

$$\alpha'(t) \in T_{\alpha(t)} M^d \mapsto (f \circ \alpha)'(t) \in T_{f(\alpha(t))} N^r$$

where $\alpha: (a,b) \rightarrow M^d$ is any smooth curve. Note that

with respect to the bases $\left\{ \frac{\partial h}{\partial u_j} \right\}_1^d, \left\{ \frac{\partial g}{\partial v_j} \right\}_1^r$, the restriction of

Df to the fiber over $x \in M^d$ has matrix $\left(\frac{\partial (g^{-1} \circ f \circ h)}{\partial u_j} (h^{-1}(x)) \right)_i$. I_n .

particular, Df is linear on each fiber, hence a map of vector bundles.

A Useful Fact:

We call a map $\varphi: V \rightarrow W$ of vector bundles over the same base an isomorphism if it is an isom. in each fiber.

Lemma 2.3: If φ is an isom of v. bdlcs over B , then φ is a homeomorphism.

Proof: See M+S. The main point is that Cramer's Rule shows that the map $A \mapsto A^{-1}$ is a continuous map $GL_n \mathbb{R} \rightarrow GL_n \mathbb{R}$. \square