

**Exercise H.1.** Show that the **projective space**  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , defined as the quotient of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  by the equivalence relation  $x \sim y$  iff  $x = \lambda y$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , is a smooth  $n$ -manifold with atlas  $\mathcal{A} = \{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}_{i=0, \dots, n}$  given by

$$U_i := \{[x] \in \mathbb{P}^n \mid x_i \neq 0\}, \quad \varphi_i([x]) = \left( \frac{x_0}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{\widehat{x_i}}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i} \right),$$

where  $[x] \in \mathbb{P}^n$  denotes the equivalence class of a point  $x = (x_0, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Solution.* We will prove several facts

- (a) *The quotient map  $\pi : \mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$  is open.* Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1}$  be an open set. To see that  $\pi(U)$  is open in the quotient topology, we verify that its preimage  $\pi^{-1}(\pi(U)) = \bigcup_{\lambda \neq 0} \lambda U$  is open, being a union of open sets  $\lambda U$ .
- (b)  *$\mathbb{P}^n$  is second countable.* Clearly  $\mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1}$  is second countable, being a subspace of the countable space  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Let  $(W_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a countable topological basis for  $\mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1}$ . Then  $(\pi(W_j))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a countable basis for  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , being the image of a topological basis by a surjective open map.
- (c)  *$\mathbb{P}^n$  is locally homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .* To see that  $U_i$  is open in the quotient topology, we verify that its preimage  $\pi^{-1}(U_i)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1}$ . And indeed, its preimage is the set

$$V_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1} : x_i \neq 0\},$$

which is open. To see that  $\varphi_i$  is a bijection, let's find its inverse function. A direct calculation provides us with the formula

$$\varphi_i^{-1}(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) = [x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, 1, x_i, \dots, x_n].$$

This formula also shows that  $\varphi_i^{-1}$  is continuous. Finally, to see that  $\varphi_i$  itself is continuous, it suffices to note that the composite map

$$\tilde{\varphi}_i = \varphi_i \circ \pi|_{V_i} : V_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

is continuous. (Here we are using the universal property of the quotient. The map  $\pi|_{V_i}$  is a quotient map because it is surjective and open.) And indeed, the map

$$\tilde{\varphi}_i(x_0, \dots, x_n) = \left( \frac{x_0}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_{i-1}}{x_i}, \frac{x_{i+1}}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i} \right)$$

is continuous. Thus  $\varphi_i$  is a homeomorphism between the open set  $U_i \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (d)  *$\mathbb{P}^n$  is Hausdorff.* Let  $[x], [y]$  be two distinct points of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ . We will show there are disjoint open neighborhoods  $U, V$  of  $x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1}$  that are saturated by the equivalence relation  $\sim$ . Then it follows that  $\pi(U), \pi(V)$  are disjoint respective neighborhoods of  $[x], [y]$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

We consider two cases. The first case is when both points  $x, y$  have a nonzero coordinate at the same place, i.e.  $x_i, y_i \neq 0$  for some  $i$ . Then the points  $[x], [y]$  are contained in the open subset  $U_i$ , which is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , hence Hausdorff. Thus there are disjoint open neighborhoods  $V, W$  of  $[x], [y]$  in  $U_i$ , and these sets are also open in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

The remaining case is when there is no  $i$  such that  $x_i, y_i \neq 0$ . In this case let  $i, j$  such that  $x_i \neq 0$  (hence  $y_i = 0$ ) and  $y_j \neq 0$  (hence  $x_j = 0$ ). Then we have in  $\mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1}$  the saturated open sets

$$V = \{z \in \mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1} : |z_i| > |z_j|\}$$

$$W = \{z \in \mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}^{n+1} : |z_j| > |z_i|\}$$

which are disjoint neighborhoods of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

Alternative way of showing that an open quotient is Hausdorff: Show that the relation  $R \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\})^2$  consisting of the pairs  $(z, \lambda z)$  is closed...

(e) Smooth structure.

Convention: All indices  $i, j, k$  are in the set  $n' = n + 1 = \{0, \dots, n\}$ .

For each  $i$  we have a chart  $\phi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n' \setminus \{i\}} \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ , given by

$$U_i = \{[x] \in \mathbb{P}^n : x^i \neq 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n,$$

$$\phi_i : [x] \mapsto \left( \frac{x_j}{x_i} \right)_{j \neq i}.$$

Its inverse is  $\phi_i^{-1} : (y^j)_{j \neq i} \mapsto [x^j]_j$  where  $x^j := y^j$  if  $j \neq i$  and  $x^i := 1$ .

The nontrivial transition functions are  $\phi_k \circ \phi_i^{-1}$ , with  $k \neq i$ , defined on

$$\phi_i(U_k) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n' \setminus \{i\}} : x_k \neq 0\}$$

by the formula

$$\phi_k \circ \phi_i^{-1} : y \mapsto \left( \frac{x^j}{y_k} \right)_{j \neq k},$$

where the  $x^j$  is defined as above:  $x^j = y^j$  if  $j \neq i$ ,  $x^i = 1$ . The transition maps are smooth, therefore the atlas is smooth. □

**Exercise H.2 (to hand in).** Prove the following

- Let  $c : M \rightarrow N$  the constant map between two smooth manifolds;  $c$  is smooth
- Every smooth chart  $\varphi : U \rightarrow \varphi(U)$  of  $M$  is a diffeomorphism; here  $U$  and  $\varphi(U)$  are given the open subspace smooth structure defined in Exercise 1.4.
- The composite  $g \circ f$  of two smooth maps  $f : M \rightarrow N$ ,  $g : N \rightarrow P$  is smooth map.
- Show that the quotient map  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$  is a smooth map of manifolds where on  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  we considered the smooth structure defined in Exercise 1.7.

**Exercise H.3. (To hand in)** Consider the inclusion  $\iota : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , where we endow both spaces with the standard smooth structure. Let  $p \in S^2$ . What is the image of  $D_p \iota : T_p S^2 \rightarrow T_p \mathbb{R}^3$ ? (Identify  $T_p \mathbb{R}^3$  with  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in the standard way, i.e.  $e_i \mapsto \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}|_p$ ) So the result should be the equation for a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .)

*Solution.* We will do the computations for a point  $p = (p^0, p^1, p^2) \in S^2$  such that  $p^2 > 0$ . (The other cases are similar.)

This point  $p$  is contained in the open set  $U = U_2^+ = \{x \in S^2 : x^2 > 0\}$ , which is the domain of the chart  $\varphi = \varphi_2^+ : (x^0, x^1, x^2) \mapsto (x^0, x^1)$ .

The local expression of the inclusion map  $\iota : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  with respect to the charts  $\varphi$  and  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^3}$  is the map  $\tilde{\iota} : (x^0, x^1) \mapsto (x^0, x^1, \sqrt{1 - (x^0)^2 - (x^1)^2})$ , whose Jacobian matrix at the point  $x = (x_0, x_1) = \iota^{-1}(p)$  is

$$J_x \tilde{\iota} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-x^0}{\sqrt{1 - (x^0)^2 - (x^1)^2}} & \frac{-x^1}{\sqrt{1 - (x^0)^2 - (x^1)^2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-p^0}{p^3} & \frac{-p^1}{p^3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

This implies that the differential  $D_p \iota$  sends the vectors  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^0}|_p, \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^1}|_p$  (which constitute a basis of  $T_p S^2$ ) to the vectors

$$D_p \iota \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^0} \Big|_p \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \Big|_p - \frac{p^0}{p^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \Big|_p \cong \left( 1, 0, -\frac{p^0}{p^3} \right) \Big|_p,$$

$$D_p \iota \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^1} \Big|_p \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Big|_p - \frac{p^1}{p^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \Big|_p \cong \left( 0, 1, -\frac{p^1}{p^3} \right) \Big|_p,$$

Therefore, the image of  $D_p t$  is the vector space spanned by these two image vectors, which coincides with the orthogonal space of  $p$ ,

$$S = p^\perp|_p = \{v|_p : v \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such that } \langle p, v \rangle = 0\}.$$

□

**Exercise H.4 (To hand in).** Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be an injective immersion of smooth manifolds. Show that there exists a closed embedding  $M \rightarrow N \times \mathbb{R}$ .

*Hint:* Recall that there exists a proper map  $g : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (Exercise 3.2)

*Solution.* The map  $h : M \rightarrow N \times \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto (f(x), g(x))$  is an immersion and is proper, hence it is a closed embedding.

Proof that  $h$  is proper: Let  $K \subseteq N \times \mathbb{R}$  a compact set. Note that  $K$  is closed in  $N$  since it's a compact subset of a Hausdorff space. It follows that  $h^{-1}(K)$  is closed. In addition  $h^{-1}(K)$  is contained in the compact set  $g^{-1}(\pi_1(K))$ , where  $\pi_1 : N \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the projection. Therefore  $h^{-1}(K)$  is compact. This proves that  $h$  is proper, hence closed. Since in addition it is injective, it's a closed topological embedding.

Proof that  $h$  is an immersion: for each nonzero vector  $v \in T_p M$ , the vector  $T_p h(v) = (T_p f(v), T_p g(v))$  is nonzero because its first component  $T_p f(v)$  is nonzero. □

**Exercise H.5 (To hand in).** Show that the following subgroups of  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  are closed submanifolds. Compute their dimension and their tangent space at the identity.

- (a) The *special linear group*  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ , consisting of matrices with determinant equal to 1.

*Solution.* The determinant function  $\det : M_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, which implies that the preimage of a closed (resp. open) set is a closed (resp. open) set. We have already used this to show that the *general linear group*  $GL_n = \det^{-1}(\mathbb{R}_{\neq 0})$  is open in  $M_n$ . And now we can use it to show that the *special linear group*  $SL_n = \det^{-1}(1)$  is a closed subset of  $M_n$ . (And since  $SL_n$  is contained in  $GL_n$ , it is also closed in  $GL_n$ ).

To show that  $SL_n$  is a submanifold we use the regular preimage theorem. We apply the theorem to the determinant map  $\det : M_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , which is a smooth map (by a previous exercise).

To apply the theorem we have to show that 1 is a regular value of  $\det$ . Thus we have to show that the linear transformation

$$D_A \det : T_A M_n \cong \mathbb{R}^{n^2} \longrightarrow T_{\det(A)} \mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}$$

is surjective for all points  $A \in SL_n$ . Since the codomain of this linear transformation has dimension 1, we have two possibilities: either the transformation is surjective (if it has rank 1) or it is null (if it has rank 0). Thus it suffices to show that the transformation  $D_A \det$  is not null. We have already computed the differential

$$D_A \det(X) = \det(A) \operatorname{tr}(A^{-1}X)$$

Putting  $X := A$  we get

$$D_A \det(X) = \det(A) \operatorname{tr}(I_n) = n$$

This implies that  $D_A \det$  is surjective for every  $A \in SL_n$ . Therefore  $SL_n = \det^{-1}(1)$  is an embedded submanifold of  $M_n$  of dimension

$$\dim(SL_n) = \dim(M_n) - \dim(\mathbb{R}) = n^2 - 1.$$

Finally, the regular preimage theorem also tells us that the tangent space of  $SL_n$  at any point  $A \in SL_n$  is

$$T_A(SL_n) = \operatorname{Ker}(D_A \det) = \{X \in M_n \mid \operatorname{tr}(A^{-1}X) = 0\}$$

In particular,

$$T_{I_n}(SL_n) = \{X \in M_n \mid \operatorname{tr}(X) = 0\}.$$

We have shown that the tangent space of an open subset is equal to the tangent of the whole manifold which contains this open subset, so here  $T_p GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = T_p M_n(\mathbb{R})$  since  $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \det^{-1}(\mathbb{R}_{\neq 0})$  is an open subset of  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ . This implies that

$$\dim(SL_n(\mathbb{R})) = \dim GL_n(\mathbb{R}) - 1 = n^2 - 1.$$

□

- (b) The *orthogonal group*  $O_n(\mathbb{R})$ , consisting of the orthogonal matrices  $A$  (which satisfy  $A^\top A = I_n$ ).

**Hint:** Consider the map  $f : M_n \rightarrow M_n^{sym}$  that sends  $A \mapsto A^\top A$ , there  $M_n^{sym}$  is the vector space of *symmetric*  $n \times n$  matrices.

*Solution.* Note that  $f^{-1}(I_n) = O_n$ . To apply the regular preimage theorem we have to verify that  $I_n$  is a regular value of  $f$ . Thus we have to show that for each point  $A \in O_n$ , the linear transformation

$$D_A f : TM_n \cong M_n \longrightarrow TM_n^{sym} \cong M_n^{sym}$$

is surjective. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} D_A f(X) &= A^\top X + X^\top A \\ &= A^\top X + (A^\top X)^\top. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $Y \in M_n^{sym}$  be an antisymmetric matrix. Let us find some  $X \in M_n$  such that  $D_A f(X) = Y$ . We can write  $Y = \frac{1}{2}Y + \frac{1}{2}Y^\top$ , thus it suffices to find  $X \in M_n$  such that  $A^\top X = \frac{1}{2}Y$ . We put simply  $X = (A^\top)^{-1} \frac{1}{2}Y = \frac{1}{2}AY$ . This finishes the proof that  $I_n$  is a regular value of  $f$ . Therefore, by the regular preimage theorem, the set  $O_n = f^{-1}(I_n)$  is a closed embedded submanifold of  $M_n$  of dimension

$$\dim(O_n) = \dim(M_n) - \dim(M_n^{sym}) = n^2 - \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}.$$

Its tangent space at any point  $A \in O_n$  is

$$D_A O_n = \text{Ker } D_A f = \{X \in TM_n \mid A^\top X + X^\top A = 0\}$$

In particular, its tangent space at the identity matrix is

$$D_{I_n}(O_n) = \{X \in M_n \mid X + X^\top = 0\},$$

that is, the space of antisymmetric matrices. □

**Exercise H.6 (To hand in).** (a) Show that the map  $f : \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$f([x, y, z]) = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}(yz, xz, xy).$$

is smooth, and has injective differential except at 6 points.

- (b) Show that the map  $g : \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  defined by

$$g([x, y, z]) = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}(yz, xz, xy, x^2 - z^2)$$

is a smooth embedding.

**Exercise H.7.** Show that there is a smooth vector field on  $S^2$  which vanishes at exactly one point.

**Hint:** Try using stereographic projection and consider one of the coordinate vector fields.

*Solution.* Recall that

$$\mathbb{S}^2 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$

Let us denote  $(u, v)$  the stereographic coordinates relative to the projection from the north pole  $N = (0, 0, 1)$ , that is, the map

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{N\} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (x, y, z) &\mapsto (u, v) = \left( \frac{x}{1-z}, \frac{y}{1-z} \right). \end{aligned}$$

(Note that we use the letters  $u, v$  to denote real numbers but also to denote the component functions  $\phi^0, \phi^1$  of the chart  $\phi$ , which are functions  $\mathbb{S}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .)

Similarly, denote  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  the stereographic coordinates relative to the projection from the south pole  $S = (0, 0, -1)$ , which is the map

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{S\} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (x, y, z) &\mapsto (\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = \left( \frac{x}{1+z}, \frac{y}{1+z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The transition function  $\psi \circ \phi^{-1}(u, v)$  is obtained after some computation:

$$(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = \left( \frac{u}{u^2 + v^2}, \frac{v}{u^2 + v^2} \right)$$

For this we use the inverse of the north stereographic projection which is

$$x = \frac{2u}{1 + u^2 + v^2} \quad y = \frac{2v}{1 + u^2 + v^2} \quad z = \frac{-1 + u^2 + v^2}{1 + u^2 + v^2}.$$

Let  $X = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$  be the first coordinate vector field of the chart  $\phi$ . This vector field  $X$  is a non-vanishing smooth vector field defined on  $\mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{N\}$ . (Its component functions w.r.t.  $\phi$  are just the constant functions 1 and 0; therefore  $X$  is smooth.) The important step is to show that  $X$  extends to a smooth vector field defined on the whole sphere.

For this we compute the component functions w.r.t.  $\psi$  on the intersection of the two charts, i.e. on  $\mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{N, S\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{\partial \psi^0}{\partial \phi^0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^1} + \frac{\partial \psi^1}{\partial \phi^0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^1} \\ &= \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial u} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{u}} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial u} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \\ &= \frac{v^2 - u^2}{(u^2 + v^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{u}} + \frac{-2uv}{(u^2 + v^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \\ &= (\bar{v}^2 - \bar{u}^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{u}} - 2\bar{u}\bar{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} \end{aligned}$$

From this we see that  $X$  can be extended to a smooth vector field  $X$  on the whole sphere by setting its value on the north pole to zero., i.e.

$$X|_p = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial u}|_p & \text{if } p \in \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{N\} \\ 0 & \text{if } p = N. \end{cases}$$

Then on  $\mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{S\}$

$$X = (\bar{v}^2 - \bar{u}^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^1} - 2\bar{u}\bar{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^2} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{S\}$$

so the component functions w.r.t.  $\psi$  are smooth as functions on  $\mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{S\}$ . By construction the component functions of  $X$  w.r.t.  $\phi$  are smooth as functions on  $\mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{N\}$ .

*Remark:* We could also have used the reverse of the north stereographic projection to the sphere

$$x = \frac{2u}{1 + u^2 + v^2} \quad y = \frac{2v}{1 + u^2 + v^2} \quad z = \frac{-1 + u^2 + v^2}{1 + u^2 + v^2}$$

to express  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^1}$  in cartesian coordinates (a priori the expression below is only defined for  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{N\}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi_N^{-1})_* \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^1} &= \frac{2(1 - u^2 + v^2)}{(1 + u^2 + v^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{4uv}{(1 + u^2 + v^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{4u}{(1 + u^2 + v^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ &= (1 - z - x^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + xy \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + x(1 - z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

and argue that this extends to a smooth vector field on the sphere. □

**Exercise H.8. (To hand in)** Compute the flows of the following vector fields.

(a) On the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the “angular” vector field  $X = x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ .

*Solution.* The integral curves are of the form  $\gamma(t) = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(t - t_0) \\ r \sin(t - t_0) \end{pmatrix}$ , with  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r \geq 0$ . We can rewrite them as

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(t - t_0) \\ r \sin(t - t_0) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(t) \cos(t_0) + r \sin(t) \sin(t_0) \\ r \sin(t) \cos(t_0) - r \cos(t) \sin(t_0) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(t_0) \\ -r \sin(t_0) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  $(x_0, y_0) = \gamma(0)$ . Thus the flow is  $\Phi_X^t \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$ , defined for all points  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

- (b) A constant vector field  $X$  on the torus  $\mathbb{T}^n$ . (What is a constant vector field on the torus?)

*Solution.* Note first that we have an identification  $\mathbb{T}_{[p]}\mathbb{T}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n$  for all points  $[p] = \pi(p) \in \mathbb{T}^n$ , where  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^n$  is the quotient map. This identification is the linear transformation  $D_p\pi$ , which is an isomorphism from  $D_p\mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{T}_{[p]}\mathbb{T}^n$ . This identification  $D_p\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{T}_{[p]}\mathbb{T}^n$  is independent of which preimage we choose for  $[p]$ , since if  $p'$  is another preimage and  $\tau$  is the translation of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that maps  $p \mapsto p'$ , then  $\pi(x) = \pi \circ \tau$ , and therefore

$$D_p\pi = \mathbb{T}_{p'}\pi \circ \mathbb{T}_p\tau \cong \mathbb{T}_{p'}\pi$$

since  $D_p\tau \cong \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ .

Thus we can talk about a constant vector field  $X$  on  $\mathbb{T}^n$ . This means that

$$X_{[p]} = a \quad \text{for all } p \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

for some fixed  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\widehat{X} = \pi^*X$  be the vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  given by the similar formula  $\widehat{X}_p = a$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Note that  $\widehat{X}$  is  $\pi$ -related to  $X$ , where  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^n$  is the quotient map. Therefore  $\pi \circ \gamma$  is an integral curve of  $X$  if  $\gamma$  is an integral curve of  $\widehat{X}$ .

For any point  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the maximal integral curve of  $\widehat{X}$  starting at the point  $p$  is  $\gamma_{\widehat{X},p}(t) = p + at$ . Therefore the curve

$$\gamma_{X,[p]}(t) := \pi(\gamma_{\widehat{X},p}(t)) = [p + ta]$$

is an integral curve of  $X$ . It has initial condition  $\gamma_{X,[p]}(0) = [p]$  and it is maximal because it is defined for all  $t$ .

Therefore the flow of  $X$  is  $\Phi_X^t[p] = [p + ta]$ , which is defined for all points  $[p] \in \mathbb{T}^n$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

**Exercise H.9 (to hand in).** Consider the following 1-form on  $M = \mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\omega = \frac{-4z \, dx}{(x^2 + 1)^2} + \frac{2y \, dy}{y^2 + 1} + \frac{2x \, dz}{x^2 + 1}$$

- (a) Set up and compute the line integral of  $\omega$  along the line going from  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1, 1)$

*Solution.* This line is parametrized by the curve  $\gamma : t \in [0, 1] \mapsto \gamma(t) = (t, t, t)$ . The velocity vector of this curve is  $\gamma'(t) = (1, 1, 1)$ . Therefore the pullback of

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma} \omega &= \int_{[0,1]} \gamma^* \omega \\ &= \int_0^1 \left( \frac{-4t}{(t^2+1)^2} + \frac{2t}{t^2+1} + \frac{2t}{t^2+1} \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{-4t + 4t(t^2+1)}{(t^2+1)^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{4t^3}{(t^2+1)^2} dt \\ &= \left[ 2 \left( \frac{1}{t^2+1} + \log(t^2+1) \right) \right]_{t=0}^{t=1} \\ &= \log(4) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

□

(b) Consider the smooth map  $\Psi : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $(r, \varphi, \theta) \in W := \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0, 2\pi) \times (0, \pi)$ :

$$\Psi(r, \varphi, \theta) = (r \cos \varphi \sin \theta, r \sin \varphi \sin \theta, r \cos \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Compute  $\Psi^* \omega$ .

**Exercise H.10 (to hand in).** For a point  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and vectors  $v, w \in T_p \mathbb{R}^3 \cong \mathbb{R}^3$  we define  $\omega|_p(v, w) := \det(p \mid v \mid w)$ . Show that  $\omega$  is a smooth differential 2-form on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and express  $\omega$  as a linear combination of the elementary alternating 2-forms determined by the standard coordinate chart  $(x^0, x^1, x^2)$ .

*Solution.* For each point  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , the function  $\omega|_p(v, w) = \det(p \mid v \mid w)$  is linear on each of its two variables  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and also alternating, therefore  $\omega$  is a differential form. The elementary covector fields are  $dx^0, dx^1, dx^2$ , and the elementary 2-forms are  $dx^0 \wedge dx^1, dx^1 \wedge dx^2$  and  $dx^2 \wedge dx^0$ . The calculation

$$\begin{aligned} \omega|_p(v, w) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} p^0 & v^0 & w^0 \\ p^1 & v^1 & w^1 \\ p^2 & v^2 & w^2 \end{pmatrix} = p^0(v^1 w^2 - v^2 w^1) \\ &\quad + p^1(v^2 w^0 - v^0 w^2) \\ &\quad + p^2(v^0 w^1 - v^1 w^0) \end{aligned}$$

shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega|_p &= p^0 dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \\ &\quad + p^1 dx^2 \wedge dx^0 \\ &\quad + p^2 dx^0 \wedge dx^1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the component functions of  $\omega$  are the functions  $p \mapsto p^i$  which are smooth. This shows that  $\omega$  is a smooth 2-form. □