

choices. From now on we identify $T_p U$ with $T_p M$ for any $p \in U$. This identification just amounts to the observation that $d\varphi_p(v)$ is the same derivation as v , thought of as acting on frcts on the bigger mnfd M instead of on frcts on U . Since the action of a derivation on a frct depends only on the values of the frct in an arbitrarily small neighborhood, this is a harmless identification. In particular, this means that any tangent vector $v \in T_p M$ can be unambiguously applied to frcts defined only in a neighborhood of p , not necessarily on all of M .

PROP. 3.10: If M is a smooth n -mnfd, then for each $p \in M$, the tangent space $T_p M$ is an n -dim \mathbb{R} -v.s.

PROOF: Fix $p \in M$ and let (U, φ) be a smooth coordinate chart containing p . Since $\varphi: U \rightarrow \hat{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a diffeomorphism, $d\varphi_p: T_p U \rightarrow T_{\varphi(p)} \hat{U}$ is an isomorphism by PROP. 3.7(d). Since PROP. 3.9 guarantees that $T_p U \cong T_p M$ and $T_{\varphi(p)} \hat{U} \cong T_{\varphi(p)} \mathbb{R}^n$, it follows from PROP. 3.3(c) that $\dim T_p M = \dim T_{\varphi(p)} \mathbb{R}^n = n$. ■

→ the tangent space to a vector space : ES4

→ the tangent space to a product mnfd : ES4

Next, we will show how to do computations with tangent vectors and differentials in local coordinates.

Let M be a smooth mnfd and let (U, φ) be a smooth coordinate chart on M . Then φ is a diffeomorphism from U to an open subset $\hat{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. By PROPs 3.7(d) and 3.9 we infer that $d\varphi_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{\varphi(p)} \mathbb{R}^n$ is an isomorphism (for each $p \in U$).

By PROP. 3.3(c) the derivations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Big|_{\varphi(p)}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \Big|_{\varphi(p)}$$

form a basis of $T_{\varphi(p)}\mathbb{R}^n$. Therefore, the preimages of these vectors under the isomorphism $d\varphi_p$, denoted by $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p$ and characterized by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p := (d\varphi_p)^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) = d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right), \quad (*_1)$$

form a basis of T_pM . Unwinding the defs, we see that $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p$ acts on a fct $f \in C^\infty(U)$ by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p f = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} (f \circ \varphi^{-1}) = \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial x^i} (\hat{p}),$$

where $\hat{f} := f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is the coordinate representation of f and $\hat{p} = (p^1, \dots, p^n) = \varphi(p)$ is the coordinate representation of p . In other words, $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p$ is the derivation that takes the i -th partial derivative of (the coordinate representation of) f at (the coordinate representation of) p . The vectors $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p$ are called the coordinate vectors at p associated with the given coordinate system.

In summary, if M is a smooth n -mfd and if $p \in M$, then T_pM is an n -dim \mathbb{R} -v.s., and for any smooth chart $(U, (x^i))$ containing p , the coordinate vectors $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right\}_{i=1}^n$ form a basis for T_pM .

Thus, a tangent vector $v \in T_pM$ can be written uniquely as a linear combination $v = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p$. The ordered basis $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right)$ is

called a coordinate basis for $T_p M$, and the numbers (v^i) are called the components of v w.r.t. the coordinate basis. If v is known, then its components can be easily computed from its action on the coordinate frcts. For each j , the components of v are given by $v^j = v(x^j)$ (where we think of x^j as a smooth real-valued frct on U), because

$$v(x^j) = \left(v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) (x^j) = v^i \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x^i} (p) = v^j.$$

We now explore how differentials look in coordinates. We begin by considering the case of a smooth map $F: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$. For any $p \in U$ we will determine the matrix of $dF_p: T_p \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{F(p)} \mathbb{R}^m$ in terms of the standard coordinate bases. Denoting by (x^1, \dots, x^n) (resp. (y^1, \dots, y^m)) the coordinates in the domain (resp. codomain), we use the chain rule to compute the action of dF_p on a typical basis vector as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} dF_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) \# &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p (\# \circ F) = \frac{\partial \#}{\partial y^j} (F(p)) \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i} (p) \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i} (p) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \Big|_{F(p)} \right) \# \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow dF_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) = \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^i} (p) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \Big|_{F(p)}. \quad (*_2)$$

In other words, the matrix of dF_p in terms of the coordinates bases is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1}(p) & \dots & \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^1}(p) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^n}(p) & \dots & \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^n}(p) \end{pmatrix}$$

that is, the Jacobian matrix of F at p , which is the matrix representation of the total derivative $DF(p): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. Therefore, in this case, $dF_p: T_p \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{F(p)} \mathbb{R}^m$ corresponds to the total derivative $DF(p): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, under the usual identification of Euclidean spaces with their tangent spaces.

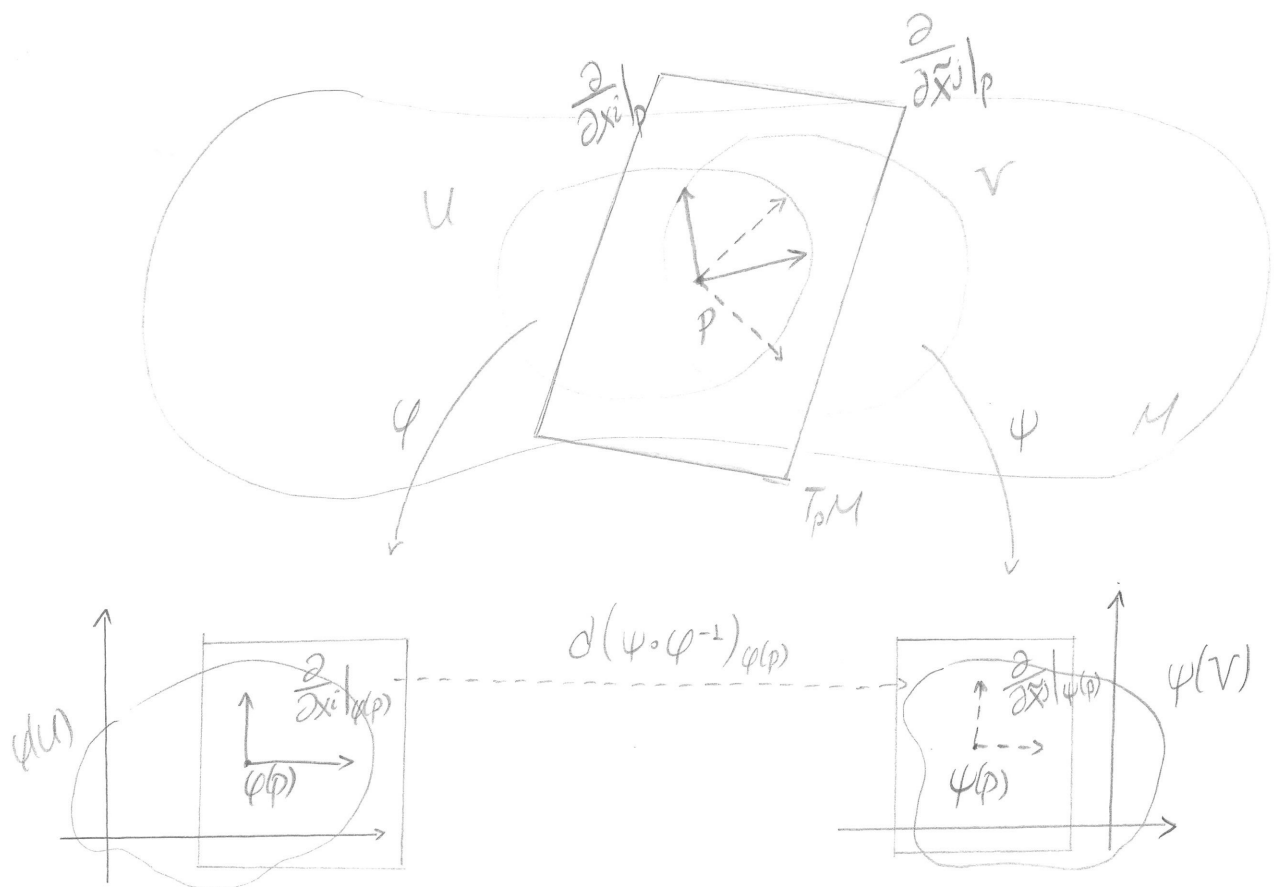
We now consider the more general case of a smooth map $F: M \rightarrow N$ between smooth manifolds. Choosing smooth coordinate charts (U, φ) for M containing p and (V, ψ) for N containing $F(p)$, we obtain the coordinate representation $\hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}: \varphi(U \cap F^{-1}(V)) \rightarrow \psi(V)$, and we also denote by $\hat{p} = \varphi(p)$ the coordinate representation of p . By the computation above, $d\hat{F}_{\hat{p}}$ is represented w.r.t. the standard coordinate bases by the Jacobian matrix of \hat{F} at \hat{p} . Using the fact that $F \circ \varphi^{-1} = \psi^{-1} \circ \hat{F}$, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} dF_p \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p \right) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} dF_p \left(d(\varphi^{-1})_{\hat{p}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\hat{p}} \right) \right) \stackrel{\text{PROP. 3.7(b)}}{=} \\ &= d(\underbrace{F \circ \varphi^{-1}}_{\psi^{-1} \circ \hat{F}})_{\hat{p}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\hat{p}} \right) \stackrel{\text{---}}{=} \\ &= d(\psi^{-1})_{\hat{F}(\hat{p})} \left(d\hat{F}_{\hat{p}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\hat{p}} \right) \right) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \\ &= d(\psi^{-1})_{\hat{F}(\hat{p})} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{F}^j}{\partial x^i}(\hat{p}) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \Big|_{\hat{F}(\hat{p})} \right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\partial \hat{F}^j}{\partial x^i}(\hat{\beta}) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \Big|_{F(p)} \quad (*_3)$$

Thus, df_p is represented in coordinate bases by the Jacobian matrix of (the coordinate representation \hat{F} of) F . (In fact, the defn of the differential was cooked up precisely in order to give a coordinate-independent meaning to the Jacobian matrix.)

Finally, suppose that $(U, \varphi = (x^i))$ and $(V, \psi = (\tilde{x}^i))$ are two smooth charts on M , and that $p \in U$. Any tangent vector at p can be represented w.r.t. either coordinates basis $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p)$ or $(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^i} \Big|_p)$. How are the two representations related?



In this situation it is customary to write the transition map $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap V) \rightarrow \psi(U \cap V)$ in the following shorthand notation:

$$\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}(x) = (\tilde{x}^1(x), \dots, \tilde{x}^n(x))$$

Here we are indulging in a typical abuse of notation: in the expression $\tilde{x}^i(x)$, we think of \tilde{x}^i as a coordinate fct (whose domain is an open subset of M , identified with an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n), but we think of x as representing a pt (in this case, in $\varphi(U \cap \mathbb{R}^n)$). By $(*)_2$ we have

$$d(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(\varphi(p)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^j} \Big|_{\varphi(p)}$$

Using the defn of coordinate vectors, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p &\stackrel{(*)_1}{=} d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) \stackrel{\text{PROP. 3.7(b)}}{=} \\ &= d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \cdot d(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) \\ &= d(\varphi^{-1})_{\varphi(p)} \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(\varphi(p)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^j} \Big|_{\varphi(p)} \right) \stackrel{(*)_1}{=} \frac{(*)}{\text{lin.}} \\ &= \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(\varphi(p)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^j} \Big|_p \end{aligned} \quad (x_4)$$

(This formula looks like the chain rule for partial derivatives in \mathbb{R}^n .) Applying this to the components of a vector

$$v = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p = \tilde{v}^j \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^j} \Big|_p,$$

we find that the components of v transform by the rule

$$\tilde{v}^j = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i}(\hat{p}) v^i \quad (x_5)$$

DEF. 3.11: Let M be a smooth mfd. The tangent bundle of M is denoted by TM and is defined as the disjoint union of the tangent spaces at all pts of M :

$$TM = \bigsqcup_{p \in M} T_p M.$$

We usually write an element of this disjoint union as an ordered pair (p, v) with $p \in M$ and $v \in T_p M$ (we sometimes write v_p for (p, v)). The tangent bundle comes equipped with a natural projection map $\pi: TM \rightarrow M$, which sends each vector in $T_p M$ to the point p at which it is tangent: $(p, v) \mapsto p$.

For example, when $M = \mathbb{R}^n$, using PROP. 3.3 we see that

$$T(\mathbb{R}^n) = \bigsqcup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} T_p \mathbb{R}^n \cong \bigsqcup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathbb{R}_p^n = \bigsqcup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{p\} \times \mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n.$$

An element of this Cartesian product can be thought of as representing either the geometric tangent vector v_p or the derivation D_{v_p} defined in PROP. 3.3. In general, however, the tangent bundle of a smooth mfd cannot be identified in a natural way with a Cartesian product, because there is no canonical way to identify tangent spaces at distinct pts with each other.

The next proposition shows that the tangent bundle of a smooth mfd can be considered as a smooth mfd in its own right. For its proof we need LEM 1.9 (smooth mfd chart lemma).

PROP. 3.12: For any smooth n -mfd M , the tangent bundle TM has a natural topology and smooth structure that make it (39)

into a smooth $(2n)$ -mfd. w.r.t. this structure, the projection $\pi: TM \rightarrow M$ is smooth.

PROOF: We begin by defining the maps that will become our smooth charts. Given any smooth chart (U, φ) for M , observe that $\pi^{-1}(U)$ is the set of all tangent vectors to M at all pts of U . Denote by (x^1, \dots, x^n) the coordinate fncts of φ , and define a map

$$\tilde{\varphi}: \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}\left(v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p\right) = (x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p), v^1, \dots, v^n) \quad (*_6)$$

Its image is the set $\varphi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n$, which is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^{2n} . It is a bijection onto its image, because its inverse can be explicitly written as

$$\tilde{\varphi}^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n, v^1, \dots, v^n) = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi^{-1}(x)}$$

Now, suppose we are given two smooth charts (U, φ) and (V, ψ) for M , and consider the corresponding "charts" $(\pi^{-1}(U), \tilde{\varphi})$ and $(\pi^{-1}(V), \tilde{\psi})$ for TM . The sets

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\pi^{-1}(U) \cap \pi^{-1}(V)) = \varphi(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

and

$$\tilde{\psi}(\pi^{-1}(U) \cap \pi^{-1}(V)) = \psi(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

are open in \mathbb{R}^{2n} , and the transition map

$$\tilde{\psi} \circ \tilde{\varphi}^{-1}: \varphi(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \psi(U \cap V) \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

can be written explicitly as

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\varphi} \circ \tilde{\varphi}^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n, v^1, \dots, v^n) &= \tilde{\varphi} \left(v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{\varphi^{-1}(x)} \right) \\
&\stackrel{(*)_5}{=} \tilde{\varphi} \left(\left(v^i \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^j}{\partial x^i} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^j} \Big|_{\varphi^{-1}(x)} \right) \\
&= \left(\tilde{x}^1(x), \dots, \tilde{x}^n(x), \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^1}{\partial x^i} v^i, \dots, \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^n}{\partial x^i} v^i \right),
\end{aligned}$$

which is clearly smooth.

Choosing a countable cover $\{U_i\}$ of M by smooth coordinate domains, we obtain a countable cover of TM by coordinate domains $\{\pi^{-1}(U_i)\}$ satisfying conditions (i)-(iv) of LEM 1.9. To check the Hausdorff condition (v), just note that any two pts in the same fiber of π lie in one chart, while if (p, v) and (q, w) lie in different fibers, there exist disjoint smooth coordinate domains U and V for M s.t. $p \in U$ and $q \in V$, and then $\pi^{-1}(U)$ and $\pi^{-1}(V)$ are disjoint coordinate neighborhoods containing (p, v) and (q, w) , respectively. This completes the proof of the first part of the statement.

Finally, to check that $\pi: TM \rightarrow M$ is smooth, note that w.r.t. charts (U, φ) for M and $(\pi^{-1}(U), \tilde{\varphi})$ for TM , its coordinate representation $\varphi \circ \pi \circ \tilde{\varphi}^{-1}$ is $\pi(x, v) = x$. ■

The coordinates (x^i, v^i) given by $(*)_6$ are called natural coordinates on TM .

→ global differential : ES5

→ basic properties of global differential : ES5

PROP. 3.13: If M is a smooth n -mfd which can be covered by a single smooth chart (U, φ) , then its tangent bundle TM is diffeomorphic to $\varphi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n$.

PROOF: If (U, φ) is a global smooth chart for M , then φ is, in particular, a diffeomorphism from $U=M$ to an open subset $\hat{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. The proof of PROP. 3.12 showed that the natural coordinate chart $\tilde{\varphi}$ is a bijection from TM to $\hat{U} \times \mathbb{R}^n$, and the smooth structure on TM is defined essentially by declaring $\tilde{\varphi}$ to be a diffeomorphism. ■

COMMENT: In general, the tangent bundle is not globally diffeomorphic (or even homeomorphic) to a product of the mfd with \mathbb{R}^n .