

14. Consider the stereographic projection of the three-sphere S^3 .

a) Show that the inverse of the map between φ_{\pm} and the x_i is given by

$$x_1 = \frac{\pm(1 - |\varphi_{\pm}|^2)}{|\varphi_{\pm}|^2 + 1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{|\varphi_{\pm}|^2 + 1} \varphi_{\pm}$$

b) Consider the coordinate patches defined by stereographic projection on S^3 and find the coordinate change from U_+ to U_- .

solution:

(a) We only give details for φ_- , the computation for φ_+ is analogous. The crucial part is finding x_1 as a function of φ_- . First work out

$$|\varphi_-|^2 = \frac{x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2}{(1 - x_1)^2} = \frac{1 - x_1^2}{(1 - x_1)^2} = \frac{1 + x_1}{1 - x_1}$$

Now consider

$$|\varphi_-|^2 + 1 = \frac{1 + x_1 + 1 - x_1}{1 - x_1} = \frac{2}{1 - x_1}$$

which we can use to find

$$x_1 = \frac{|\varphi_-|^2 - 1}{|\varphi_-|^2 + 1}.$$

This is x_1 as a function of φ_- . The other coordinates are now φ_- times

$$1 - x_1 = 1 - \frac{|\varphi_-|^2 - 1}{|\varphi_-|^2 + 1} = \frac{|\varphi_-|^2 + 1 - (|\varphi_-|^2 - 1)}{|\varphi_-|^2 + 1} = \frac{2}{|\varphi_-|^2 + 1} \quad (0.1)$$

(b) We are interested in $\varphi_- \varphi_+^{-1}$, which we can write as

$$\varphi_-(\mathbf{x}(\varphi_+)) \quad (0.2)$$

We have

$$x_1 = \frac{(1 - |\varphi_+|^2)}{|\varphi_+|^2 + 1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{|\varphi_+|^2 + 1} \varphi_+ \quad (0.3)$$

and

$$\varphi_-(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1-x_1} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (0.4)$$

so we get

$$\varphi_- = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1-|\varphi_+|^2}{|\varphi_+|^2+1}} \frac{2\varphi_+}{|\varphi_+|^2+1} = \varphi_+ \frac{2}{|\varphi_+|^2+1} \frac{|\varphi_+|^2+1}{|\varphi_+|^2+1-1+|\varphi_+|^2} = \varphi_+ / |\varphi_+|^2 \quad (0.5)$$

As long as $|\varphi_+|^2 \neq 0$, which is true in $U_+ \cap U_-$, this is a smooth function.

16. $O(1, 1)$ are the real 2×2 matrices O which leave the bilinear form $x_1^2 - x_2^2$ invariant when acting on $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ as

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow O\mathbf{x}.$$

- Show that $O(1, 1)$ is a group using matrix multiplication.
- Find the general form of elements of $O(1, 1)$.
- Give $O(1, 1)$ the structure of a differentiable manifold by equipping it with a suitable topology and write down coordinate charts.
- Find the tangent space of $O(1, 1)$ at the identity element.

solution:

Acting with $O \in O(1, 1)$ on \mathbb{R}^2 is supposed to leave the bilinear form $x_1^2 - x_2^2$ invariant. Imagine you have found two matrices O, O' with this property. We can act first with O

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow O\mathbf{x} \quad (0.6)$$

which leaves $x_1^2 - x_2^2$ invariant, after which we can then act with O' which again leaves $x_1^2 - x_2^2$ invariant. In summary, we have then acted with $O'O$, which makes using matrix multiplication as the group composition a good idea.

- Let us first find a condition that must be satisfied by matrices in $O(1, 1)$. We need

$$x_1^2 - x_2^2 = \mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad (0.7)$$

to stay invariant. This is mapped to

$$\mathbf{x}^T O^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} O\mathbf{x} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad (0.8)$$

so we find the condition

$$O^T L O = L \tag{0.9}$$

with $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Let us now check the group property using matrix multiplication as \circ . The condition above is solved by O the identity matrix, so we have the identity element. This equation also implies that $\det O \neq 0$, so an inverse exists. We can even write it down: $O^{-1} = L O^T L$ because $L O^T L O = L^2 = \mathbb{1}$. Now multiplying $O^T L O = L$ by O^{-1} from the right and $(O^T)^{-1}$ from the left shows

$$L = (O^T)^{-1} L O^{-1} = (O^{-1})^T L O^{-1}. \tag{0.10}$$

so the inverse satisfies the same equation. We have used that $(O^T)^{-1} = (O^{-1})^T$ which can be seen by

$$(O^T)^{-1} O^T = \mathbb{1} = (O O^{-1})^T = (O^{-1})^T O^T. \tag{0.11}$$

Finally we can observe that for $O'' = O O'$ with $O, O' \in O(1, 1)$ we have

$$(O'')^T L O'' = (O')^T O^T L O O' = (O')^T L O' = L. \tag{0.12}$$

so $O'' \in O(1, 1)$ as well.

- (b) Note that $\det O = \pm 1$ by taking the determinant of $O^T L O = L$ on both sides. We can parametrize O as

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad O^{-1} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.13}$$

and plug this into $O^T L O = L$ to find

$$a = \pm d, \quad b = \pm c. \tag{0.14}$$

The determinant of O changes continuously along any path in O , which implies that there are hence (at least) two components, one for $\det O = 1$ and one for $\det O = -1$.

$\det O = 1$ This implies that

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.15}$$

with $a^2 - b^2 = 1$. We can parametrize solutions of this as

$$a = \pm \cosh \phi \quad b = \sinh \phi. \tag{0.16}$$

There are two inequivalent solutions as $\cosh(\phi) > 0$, as $-\sinh(\phi) = \sinh(-\phi)$ the choice of sign of b does not make a difference. Note that the two types of solution we have found here are disjoint, a is always positive for one and always negative for the other. Hence we have found two disconnected components O_+^\uparrow ($\det O > 0, a > 0$) and O_+^\downarrow ($\det O > 0, a < 0$).

$\det O = -1$ This implies that

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & -a \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.17)$$

with $-a^2 + b^2 = -1$.

Repeating the same steps as above we find $a = \pm \cosh(\phi)$ and $b = \sinh(\phi)$ for this case. Hence we get two more components O_-^\uparrow ($\det O < 0, a > 0$) and O_-^\downarrow ($\det O < 0, a < 0$).

In summary we have hence found 4 disjoint components. Only O_+^\uparrow is a subgroup as it is the only component that contains the identity element.

- (c) Note that we can map any component to a copy of \mathbb{R} by the parametrization by ϕ in a one-to-one fashion. Let us call these maps $\Phi_\pm^{\uparrow\downarrow}$. These give us good coordinate charts if we simply use the topology in which these are continuous maps, i.e. we can simply declare that for any component of $O(1, 1)$, a subset is open if the corresponding subset is open in \mathbb{R} .
- (d) The component connected to $\mathbb{1}$ is O_+^\uparrow and we can describe a path through $\mathbb{1}$ by

$$O(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(t) & \sinh(t) \\ \sinh(t) & \cosh(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.18)$$

for $t = -e..e$ with some $e > 0$. We work out

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} O(t)|_{t=0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.19)$$

so that the tangent space at $\mathbb{1}$ is the vector space of matrices

$$T_{\mathbb{1}} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v \\ v & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid v \in \mathbb{R} \right\}. \quad (0.20)$$

Note that

$$\exp \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & v \\ v & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(v) & \sinh(v) \\ \sinh(v) & \cosh(v) \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.21)$$