

Advanced Geometric Methods in Computer Science

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Homework 3

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Note: New due date!

“A problems” are for practice only, and should not be turned in.

Problem A1. Let $B_r = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 < r\}$ be the open ball of radius r (centered at the origin) in \mathbb{R}^n (where $r > 0$). Prove that the map

$$x \mapsto \frac{rx}{\sqrt{r^2 - (x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2)}}$$

is a diffeomorphism of B_r onto \mathbb{R}^n (where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$).

Hint. Compute explicitly the inverse of this map.

Problem A2. A smooth bijective map of manifolds need not be a diffeomorphism. For example, show that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^3$ is not a diffeomorphism.

Problem A3. (a) Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^M$ and $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ be two smooth manifolds of dimension m and n respectively. We can make $X \times Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{M+N}$ into a smooth manifold of dimension $m + n$ as follows: for any $(p, q) \in X \times Y$, if $\varphi: \Omega_1 \rightarrow U$ and $\psi: \Omega_2 \rightarrow V$ are parametrizations at $p \in U \subseteq X$ and $q \in V \subseteq Y$ respectively, then show that $\varphi \times \psi: \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow U \times V$ is indeed a parametrization at $(p, q) \in X \times Y$. As the $U \times V$'s cover $X \times Y$, these parametrizations make $X \times Y$ into a manifold.

Check that $T_{(p,q)}(X \times Y) = T_p X \times T_q Y$.

(b) Given a set, X , let $\Delta = \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\} \subseteq X \times X$, called the *diagonal of X* . If X is a manifold, then prove that Δ is a manifold diffeomorphic to X .

(c) The *graph* of a function, $f: X \rightarrow Y$, is the subset of $X \times Y$ given by

$$\text{graph}(f) = \{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in X\}.$$

Define $F: X \rightarrow \text{graph}(f)$ by $F(x) = (x, f(x))$. Prove that if X and Y are smooth manifolds and if f is smooth, then F is a diffeomorphism and thus, $\text{graph}(f)$ is a manifold diffeomorphic to X .

(d) Given any (smooth) map, $f: X \rightarrow X$, some $x \in X$ is a *fixed point* of f iff $f(x) = x$. Prove that f has a fixed point iff $\text{graph}(f) \cap \Delta \neq \emptyset$ (where Δ is the diagonal in $X \times X$).

“B problems” must be turned in.

Problem B1 (60 pts). Recall from Homework 1, Problem B6, the Cayley parametrization of rotation matrices in $\mathbf{SO}(n)$ given by

$$C(B) = (I - B)(I + B)^{-1},$$

where B is any $n \times n$ skew symmetric matrix. In that problem, it was shown that $C(B)$ is a rotation matrix that does not admit -1 as an eigenvalue and that every such rotation matrix is of the form $C(B)$.

(a) If you have not already done so, prove that the map $B \mapsto C(B)$ is injective.

(b) Prove that

$$dC(B)(A) = D_A((I - B)(I + B)^{-1}) = -[I + (I - B)(I + B)^{-1}]A(I + B)^{-1}.$$

Hint. First, show that $D_A(B^{-1}) = -B^{-1}AB^{-1}$ (where B is invertible) and that $D_A(f(B)g(B)) = (D_A f(B))g(B) + f(B)(D_A g(B))$, where f and g are differentiable matrix functions.

Deduce that $dC(B)$ is injective, for every skew-symmetric matrix, B . If we identify the space of $n \times n$ skew symmetric matrices with $\mathbb{R}^{n(n-1)/2}$, show that the Cayley map, $C: \mathbb{R}^{n(n-1)/2} \rightarrow \mathbf{SO}(n)$, is a parametrization of $\mathbf{SO}(n)$.

(c) Now, consider $n = 3$, i.e., $\mathbf{SO}(3)$. Let E_1 , E_2 and E_3 be the rotations about the x -axis, y -axis, and z -axis, respectively, by the angle π , i.e.,

$$E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Prove that the four maps

$$\begin{aligned} B &\mapsto C(B) \\ B &\mapsto E_1 C(B) \\ B &\mapsto E_2 C(B) \\ B &\mapsto E_3 C(B) \end{aligned}$$

where B is skew symmetric, are parametrizations of $\mathbf{SO}(3)$ and that the union of the images of C , $E_1 C$, $E_2 C$ and $E_3 C$ covers $\mathbf{SO}(3)$, so that $\mathbf{SO}(3)$ is a manifold.

(d) Let A be *any* matrix (not necessarily invertible). Prove that there is some diagonal matrix, E , with entries $+1$ or -1 , so that $EA + I$ is invertible.

(e) Prove that every rotation matrix, $A \in \mathbf{SO}(n)$, is of the form

$$A = E(I - B)(I + B)^{-1},$$

for some skew symmetric matrix, B , and some diagonal matrix, E , with entries $+1$ and -1 , and where the number of -1 is even. Moreover, prove that every orthogonal matrix $A \in \mathbf{O}(n)$ is of the form

$$A = E(I - B)(I + B)^{-1},$$

for some skew symmetric matrix, B , and some diagonal matrix, E , with entries $+1$ and -1 . The above provide parametrizations for $\mathbf{SO}(n)$ (resp. $\mathbf{O}(n)$) that show that $\mathbf{SO}(n)$ and $\mathbf{O}(n)$ are manifolds. However, observe that the number of these charts grows exponentially with n .

Problem B2 (20 pts). (1) For every symmetric, positive, definite matrix, S , and for every invertible matrix, A , prove that ASA^\top is symmetric, positive, definite.

(2) Prove that for any symmetric, positive, definite matrix, S , there is some symmetric, positive, definite matrix, S_1 , so that $S = S_1^2 = S_1 S_1^\top$.

(3) Use (2) to prove that given any two symmetric, positive, definite matrices, S and S' , there is some invertible matrix, A , so that

$$ASA^\top = S'.$$

Conclude that the action of $\mathbf{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})$ on $\mathbf{SPD}(n)$ given by $A \cdot S = ASA^\top$ is well-defined and transitive.

Problem B3 (100 pts). Consider the action of the group $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ on the upper half-plane, $H = \{z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} \mid y > 0\}$, given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot z = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}.$$

(a) Check that for any $g \in \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$,

$$\Im(g \cdot z) = \frac{\Im(z)}{|cz + d|^2},$$

and conclude that if $z \in H$, then $g \cdot z \in H$, so that the action of $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ on H is indeed well-defined (Recall, $\Re(z) = x$ and $\Im(z) = y$, where $z = x + iy$.)

(b) Check that if $c \neq 0$, then

$$\frac{az + b}{cz + d} = \frac{-1}{c^2 z + cd} + \frac{a}{c}.$$

Prove that the group of Möbius transformations induced by $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is generated by Möbius transformations of the form

1. $z \mapsto z + b$,

2. $z \mapsto kz$,
3. $z \mapsto -1/z$,

where $b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$, with $k > 0$. Deduce from the above that the action of $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ on H is transitive and that transformations of type (1) and (2) suffice for transitivity.

(c) Now, consider the action of the discrete group $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ on H , where $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ consists of all matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \quad ad - bc = 1, \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Why is this action not transitive? Consider the two transformations

$$S: z \mapsto -1/z$$

associated with $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and

$$T: z \mapsto z + 1$$

associated with $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Define the subset, D , of H , as the set of points, $z = x + iy$, such that $-1/2 \leq x \leq 1/2$ and $x^2 + y^2 \geq 1$. Observe that D contains the three special points, i , $\rho = e^{2\pi i/3}$ and $-\bar{\rho} = e^{\pi i/3}$.

Draw a picture of this set, known as a *fundamental domain* of the action of $G = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ on H . You will now prove the following result first established by Gauss:

Theorem I. Let G' be the subgroup of $G = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ generated by S and T .

- (1) For every point, $z \in H$, there is some $g \in G'$ so that $g \cdot z \in D$.
- (2) If two distinct points $z, z' \in D$ are in the same orbit under the action of $G = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$, then either $\Re(z) = \pm 1/2$ and $z = z' \pm 1$ or $|z| = 1$ and $z' = -1/z$.
- (3) Let $z \in D$ and consider the stabilizer, G_z of z (under the action of G). Then, $G_z = \{1\}$, unless
 - (i) $z = i$, in which case, G_z is the group of order 2 generated by S (note, $S^2 = 1$)
 - (ii) $z = \rho = e^{2\pi i/3}$, in which case G_z is the group of order 3 generated by ST (composition is written from right to left, as usual, and note that $(ST)^3 = 1$)
 - (iii) $z = -\bar{\rho} = e^{\pi i/3}$, in which case G_z is the group of order 3 generated by TS (note that $(TS)^3 = 1$).

Deduce from Theorem I that the natural map $D \rightarrow H/G$ is surjective and that its restriction to the interior of D is injective.

Hints. Observe that since c, d are integers, for a fixed z , there are finitely many pairs (c, d) so that $|cz + d| < K$, for any fixed $K > 0$. Thus, there is some $g \in G'$ so that $\Im(g \cdot z)$ is maximum. Next, show that there is some n so that the real part of $T^n gz$ is between $-1/2$ and $1/2$. Show that this element, $z' = T^n gz$, is actually in D .

For (2) and (3), show that it may be assumed that $\Im(g \cdot z) \geq \Im(z)$, i.e., $|cz + d| \leq 1$.

(d) Use Theorem I to prove

Theorem II. The group $G = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ is generated by S and T , i.e., $G' = G$.

(e) In view of Theorem I, as every point in the interior of D corresponds to a unique orbit and every orbit has some representative in D , by applying all elements of $G = \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ to D , we get a *tesselation* of H , i.e., we get

$$H = \bigcup_{g \in G} g \cdot D,$$

where the interiors of $g \cdot D$ and $g' \cdot D$ are disjoint whenever $g \cdot D$ and $g' \cdot D$ are distinct. By Theorem II, we get all $g \cdot D$'s by applying S and T to D . Draw the picture obtained by applying

$$1, T, TS, ST^{-1}S, ST^{-1}, S, ST, STS, T^{-1}S, T^{-1}.$$

Problem B4 (30 pts). Let J be the 2×2 matrix

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

and let $\mathbf{SU}(1, 1)$ be the set of 2×2 complex matrices

$$\mathbf{SU}(1, 1) = \{A \mid A^* J A = J, \quad \det(A) = 1\},$$

where A^* is the conjugate transpose of A .

(a) Prove that $\mathbf{SU}(1, 1)$ is the group of matrices of the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } a\bar{a} - b\bar{b} = 1.$$

If

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

prove that the map from $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ to $\mathbf{SU}(1, 1)$ given by

$$A \mapsto gAg^{-1}$$

is a group isomorphism.

(b) Prove that the Möbius transformation associated with g ,

$$z \mapsto \frac{z - i}{z + i}$$

is a bijection between the upper half-plane, H , and the unit open disk, $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$. Prove that the map from $\mathbf{SU}(1, 1)$ to $S^1 \times D$ given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix} \mapsto (a/|a|, b/a)$$

is a continuous bijection (in fact, a homeomorphism). Conclude that $\mathbf{SU}(1, 1)$ is topologically an open solid torus.

(c) Check that $\mathbf{SU}(1, 1)$ acts transitively on D by

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix} \cdot z = \frac{az + b}{\bar{b}z + \bar{a}}.$$

Find the stabilizer of $z = 0$ and conclude that

$$\mathbf{SU}(1, 1)/\mathbf{SO}(2) \cong D.$$

Problem B5 (100 pts). (a) Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^m and pick some $a \in U$. If $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a submersion at a , i.e., df_a is surjective (so, $m \geq n$), prove that there is an open set, $W \subseteq U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, with $a \in W$ and a diffeomorphism, ψ , with domain $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, so that $\psi(V) = W$ and

$$f(\psi(x_1, \dots, x_m)) = (x_1, \dots, x_n),$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in V$.

Hint. Since df_a is surjective, the rank of the Jacobian matrix, $(\partial f_i / \partial x_j(a))$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$, $1 \leq j \leq m$), is n and after some permutation of \mathbb{R}^m , we may assume that the square matrix, $B = (\partial f_i / \partial x_j(a))$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq n$), is invertible. Define the map, $h: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, by

$$h(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_n(x), x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m),$$

where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$. Check that the Jacobian matrix of h at a is invertible. Then, apply the inverse function theorem and finish up.

(b) Let $f: M \rightarrow N$ be a map of smooth manifolds. A point, $p \in M$, is called a *critical point (of f)* iff df_p is not surjective and a point $q \in N$ is called a *critical value (of f)* iff $q = f(p)$, for some critical point, $p \in M$. A point $p \in M$ is a *regular point (of f)* iff p is not critical, i.e., df_p is surjective, and a point $q \in N$ is a *regular value (of f)* iff it is not a critical value. In particular, any $q \in N - f(M)$ is a regular value and $q \in f(M)$ is a regular

value iff every $p \in f^{-1}(q)$ is a regular point (but, in contrast, q is a critical value iff some $p \in f^{-1}(q)$ is critical).

Prove that for every regular value, $q \in f(M)$, the preimage $Z = f^{-1}(q)$ is a manifold of dimension $\dim(M) - \dim(N)$.

Hint. Pick any $p \in f^{-1}(q)$ and some parametrizations, φ at p and ψ at q , with $\varphi(0) = p$ and $\psi(0) = q$ and consider $h = \psi^{-1} \circ f \circ \varphi$. Prove that dh_0 is surjective and then apply (a).

(c) Under the same assumptions as (b), prove that for every point $p \in Z = f^{-1}(q)$, the tangent space, $T_p Z$, is the kernel of $df_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_q N$.

(d) If $X, Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ are manifolds and $Z \subseteq X$, we say that Z is a submanifold of X . Assume there is a smooth function, $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$, and that $0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$ is a regular value of g . Then, by (b), $Z = g^{-1}(0)$ is a submanifold of X of dimension $\dim(X) - k$. Let $g = (g_1, \dots, g_k)$, with each g_i a function, $g_i: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Prove that for any $p \in X$, dg_p is surjective iff the linear forms, $(dg_i)_p: T_p X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, are linearly independent. In this case, we say that g_1, \dots, g_k are independent at p . We also say that Z is cut out by g_1, \dots, g_k when

$$Z = \{p \in X \mid g_1(p) = 0, \dots, g_k(p) = 0\}$$

with g_1, \dots, g_k independent for all $p \in Z$.

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a smooth maps of manifolds and let $q \in f(X)$ be a regular value. Prove that $Z = f^{-1}(q)$ is a submanifold of X cut out by $k = \dim(X) - \dim(Y)$ independent functions.

Hint. Pick some parametrization, ψ , at q , so that $\psi(0) = q$ and check that 0 is a regular value of $g = \psi^{-1} \circ f$, so that g_1, \dots, g_k work.

(e) Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^m and pick some $a \in U$. If $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is an immersion at a , i.e., df_a is injective (so, $m \leq n$), prove that there is an open set, $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, with $f(a) \in V$, an open subset, $U' \subseteq U$, with $a \in U'$ and $f(U') \subseteq V$ and a diffeomorphism, φ , with domain V , so that

$$\varphi(f(x_1, \dots, x_m)) = (x_1, \dots, x_m, 0, \dots, 0),$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in U'$.

Hint. Since df_a is injective, the rank of the Jacobian matrix, $(\partial f_i / \partial x_j(a))$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$, $1 \leq j \leq m$), is m and after some permutation of \mathbb{R}^n , we may assume that the square matrix, $B = (\partial f_i / \partial x_j(a))$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq m$), is invertible. Define the map, $g: U \times \mathbb{R}^{n-m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, by

$$g(x, y) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x), y_1 + f_{m+1}(x), \dots, y_{n-m} + f_n(x)),$$

where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ and $y = (y_1, \dots, y_{n-m})$. Check that the Jacobian matrix of g at $(a, 0)$ is invertible. Then, apply the inverse function theorem and finish up.

Now, assume Z is a submanifold of X . Prove that locally, Z is cut out by independent functions. This means that if $k = \dim(X) - \dim(Z)$, the *codimension* of Z in X , then for

every $z \in Z$, there are k independent functions, g_1, \dots, g_k , defined on some open subset, $W \subseteq X$, with $z \in W$, so that $Z \cap W$ is the common zero set of the g_i 's.

(f) We would like to generalize our result in (b) to the more general situation where we have a smooth map, $f: X \rightarrow Y$, but this time, we have a submanifold, $Z \subseteq Y$ and we are investigating whether $f^{-1}(Z)$ is a submanifold of X . In particular, if X is also a submanifold of Y and f is the inclusion of X into Y , then $f^{-1}(Z) = X \cap Z$.

Convince yourself that, in general, the intersection of two submanifolds is *not* a submanifold. Try examples involving curves and surfaces and you will see how bad the situation can be. What is needed is a notion generalizing that of a regular value, and this turns out to be the notion of transversality.

We say that f is *transversal to Z* iff

$$df_p(T_p X) + T_{f(p)} Z = T_{f(p)} Y,$$

for all $p \in f^{-1}(Z)$. (Recall, if U and V are subspaces of a vector space, E , then $U + V$ is the subspace $U + V = \{u + v \in E \mid u \in U, v \in V\}$). In particular, if f is the inclusion of X into Y , the transversality condition is

$$T_p X + T_p Z = T_p Y,$$

for all $p \in X \cap Z$.

Draw several examples of transversal intersections to understand better this concept. Prove that if f is transversal to Z , then $f^{-1}(Z)$ is a submanifold of X of codimension equal to $\dim(Y) - \dim(Z)$.

Hint. The set $f^{-1}(Z)$ is a manifold iff for every $p \in f^{-1}(Z)$, there is some open subset, $U \subseteq X$, with $p \in U$, and $f^{-1}(Z) \cap U$ is a manifold. First, use (e) to assert that locally near $q = f(p)$, Z is cut out by $k = \dim(Y) - \dim(Z)$ independent functions, g_1, \dots, g_k , so that locally near p , the preimage $f^{-1}(Z)$ is cut out by $g_1 \circ f, \dots, g_k \circ f$. If we let $g = (g_1, \dots, g_k)$, it is an immersion and the issue is to prove that 0 is a regular value of $g \circ f$ in order to apply (b). Show that transversality is just what's needed to show that 0 is a regular value of $g \circ f$.

(g) With the same assumptions as in (f) (f is transversal to Z), if $W = f^{-1}(Z)$, prove that for every $p \in W$,

$$T_p W = (df_p)^{-1}(T_{f(p)} Z),$$

the preimage of $T_{f(p)} Z$ by $df_p: T_p X \rightarrow T_{f(p)} Y$. In particular, if f is the inclusion of X into Y , then

$$T_p(X \cap Z) = T_p X \cap T_p Z.$$

(h) Let $X, Z \subseteq Y$ be two submanifolds of Y , with X compact, Z closed, $\dim(X) + \dim(Z) = \dim(Y)$ and X transversal to Z . Prove that $X \cap Z$ consists of a finite set of points.

TOTAL: 310 points.