

Proof: Let $p \in \text{dom } \phi$ and $m = \dim M$, $n = \dim N$. By theorem 3.4 there are charts (U, ϕ) and (V, ψ) of M and N respectively with $F(U) \subset V$ and $\phi(p) = (0, \dots, 0)$, $\psi(F(p)) = (0, \dots, 0)$ and

$$\hat{F} = \psi \circ F \circ \phi^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^n, 0, \dots, 0)$$

(in U $\phi = (x^1, \dots, x^m)$). Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be defined by $f(x^1, \dots, x^n) = (x^1, \dots, x^n, 0, \dots, 0)$ which is clearly C^∞ . Put $\sigma = \phi^{-1} \circ f \circ \psi$. Then by definition $\sigma: N \rightarrow M$ is C^∞ . Moreover, $F \circ \sigma = \text{id}|_V$.

Proposition 3.2: A submersion F is an open map.

Proof: Let $F: M \rightarrow N$ be a submersion and $U \subset M$ be open. Suppose $x \in F(U)$, then by lemma 3.5 there are a neighborhood V of x and a C^∞ section $\sigma: V \rightarrow M$ such that $F \circ \sigma = \text{id}_V$. Since σ is continuous $\sigma^{-1}(U)$ is an open set containing x . We show that $\sigma^{-1}(U) \subset F(U)$ which implies $F(U)$ is open since x is arbitrary. Let $y \in \sigma^{-1}(U)$. Then $\sigma(y) \in U$, so $y = F \circ \sigma(y) \in F(U)$. QED.

Let \sim be an equivalence relation on a C^∞ manifold M , and let $\rho: M \rightarrow M/\sim$ denote the quotient projection. M/\sim is called a quotient manifold (not necessarily Hausdorff) if it is given a differentiable structure which makes ρ a submersion. Notice that since ρ is a submersion it is open by prop. 3.2. and thus M/\sim with the quotient topology has a countable basis by lemma 2.1. But a priori we do not know that the topology induced by the differential structure is the same as the quotient topology. In fact they are the same and this follows since ρ is both open and continuous. We emphasize again

that a quotient manifold is not necessarily Hausdorff. We will however, be mainly concerned with those which are Hausdorff.

We have seen how a quotient manifold structure makes the projection a submersion. Conversely, if $F:M \longrightarrow N$ is a submersion, then we can define on M an equivalence relation \sim by $p \sim q$ if $F(p) = F(q)$. This clearly defines an equivalence relation; moreover, F can be considered as the projection map. Thus N has the differential structure of a quotient manifold, and every submersion gives rise naturally to a quotient manifold.

3.7 Discontinuous Transformation Groups

Here we will introduce some ideas about transformation groups acting on a manifold, in particular discrete transformation groups. The reason for introducing these here is that they provide a rich supply of differentiable manifolds. We will study more general Lie transformation groups in a later chapter.

A group G is said to act on M (or be a transformation group on M) if

i) there is a global function $\phi:G \times M \longrightarrow M$ such that the function $\phi_g:M \longrightarrow M$ for fixed $g \in G$ defined by $\phi_g(p) = \phi(g,p)$, $p \in M$, is a diffeomorphism.

ii) if $g, h \in G$, then $\phi_g \circ \phi_h = \phi_{gh}$

The function ϕ is called the action. Notice that if $e \in G$ is the identity then ϕ_e is the identity diffeomorphism

on M since putting $p' = \phi_e^{-1}(p)$, $p \in M$, we get

$$\phi_e(p) = \phi_e(\phi_e(p')) = \phi_e \circ \phi_e(p') = \phi_{ee}(p') = \phi_e(p') = p.$$

The group G is said to act effectively on M if e is the only element of G which satisfies $\phi_g(p) = p$ for all $p \in M$. It is said to act freely on M if e is the only element of G which satisfies $\phi_g(p) = p$ for $p \in M$. Note that if $\phi_g(p) = p$ for all $g \in G$ then p is a fixed point under the action of G . Thus, a free action means that there are no fixed points under G or any subgroup of G save the identity. The orbit O_p of $p \in M$ is the set $O_p = \{p' = \phi_g(p) : \text{for all } g \in G\}$. If for any $p, q \in M$ there is a $g \in G$ such that $q = \phi_g(p)$ then G is said to act transitively on M . In this case for any $p \in M$ $O_p = M$, there is just one orbit. Notice that the orbits can be used to define equivalence relation on M , i.e. $p \sim q$ if there is $g \in G$ such that $q = \phi_g(p)$. It is easy to check that \sim is equivalence relation (check it!). In fact the equivalence classes are just the orbits. The set of equivalence classes M/G is called the orbit space. The quotient projection $\mu: M \longrightarrow M/G$ sends $p \in M$ to its orbit O_p . The topology on M/G is the quotient topology. However, M/G may not have a manifold structure, i.e. it may not be a quotient manifold since μ is not necessarily a submersion. Notice that if M is a group, the orbit space is just the space of cosets (left or right).

Example 3.30: $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ acts on \mathbb{R}^n as matrices acting on column vectors.

$$x^i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^i x^j.$$

Given any $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \neq 0$ we can obtain an arbitrary \dot{x} by varying a_j^i . But if $x = 0$ then $\dot{x} = 0$ so the origin $(0, \dots, 0)$ is a fixed point of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. Thus there are two orbits $\{0\} = (0, \dots, 0)$ and $\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$. The latter has dimension n while the former has dimension 0 . Thus $\mu: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n/GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ does not have constant rank; it is not a submersion. On $\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ acts transitively. A more interesting example is found considering the subgroup $O(n) \subset GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. Here the norm $|x| = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x^i)^2 \right]^{1/2}$ is left invariant, so the orbits under $O(n)$ are spheres of radius $|x|$. The projection $\mu: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n/O(n)$ again does not have constant rank since the orbit $\{0\}$ has dimension 0 whereas all other orbits have dimension $n-1$. However, restricting to $\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$, μ is a submersion and the orbit space $\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}/O(n)$ is diffeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^1 .

We will now consider certain discrete transformation groups such that the orbit space will always be a C^∞ manifold (Hausdorff). By a discrete group Γ we mean a group with at most a countable number of elements and whose topology is the discrete topology. Thus Γ is a C^∞ manifold since it has a countable basis, and is Hausdorff (discrete topology is Hausdorff) and is locally diffeomorphic to a zero dimensional Euclidean space, i.e. to a point. Thus a discrete group is a zero dimensional Lie group.

Let G be a transformation group which acts freely on M , then G is said to act discontinuously on M if each point $p \in M$ has a neighborhood U such that $U \cap gU = \{\emptyset\}$ for all $g \in G$ $g \neq e$.

(Here and hereafter we write gU instead of $\phi_g(U)$ similarly gp instead of $\phi_g(p)$). This action is said to be properly discontinuous if in addition every pair of nonequivalent points $p, q \in M$ (i.e. p, q lie on different G -orbits) have neighborhoods U_p and U_q , respectively, such that $U_p \cap gU_q = \emptyset$ for all $g \in G$.

Theorem 3.11: Let G be a proper discontinuous transformation group acting freely on M . Then the quotient space M/G is a C^∞ -manifold with $n = \dim M = \dim M/G$. Moreover, if μ is the quotient projection map, then $\text{rank } \mu = n$, and M/G is a quotient manifold (Hausdorff).

Proof: Since each $\phi_g \equiv g$ is a diffeomorphism, $[U] = \bigcup_{g \in G} gU$ is open, so μ is open. Thus, M/G has a countable basis by lemma 2.1. The condition that G acts properly is precisely the condition that M/G be Hausdorff. The condition that G acts discontinuously and freely says that there is a neighborhood U of p in M such that $\mu|_U$ is injective. We choose U such that (U, ϕ) is a chart of M . Let $\nu = (\mu|_U)^{-1}$, then $\psi \equiv \phi \circ \nu$ is 1-1 (injection) and continuous. Moreover, $\psi^{-1} = \nu^{-1} \circ \phi^{-1} = \mu|_U \circ \phi^{-1}$ is continuous. So $(\mu(t), \psi)$ is a chart for M/G . Doing this at every point of M/G gives us an atlas for M/G . We now show that this is a C^∞ atlas. Let $(\mu(t), \psi)$ and $(\mu(t'), \psi')$ be two such charts of G/M . Then $\psi' \circ \psi^{-1} = \phi' \circ \nu' \circ \nu^{-1} \circ \phi^{-1}$ on $\mu(t) \cap \mu(t') \neq \{\emptyset\}$. Let $p_1 \in \nu(\mu(t) \cap \mu(t'))$ and $p_2 = \nu' \circ \nu^{-1}(p_1) = \nu' \circ \mu|_U(p_1) = \nu'([p_1]) = (\mu|_{U'})^{-1}([p_1])$ which says $\mu(p_2) = [p_1]$, that is that p_1 and p_2 are equivalent. Thus there is a $g \in G$ such that $p_2 = gp_1$. Hence,

$U'' = U \cap g^{-1}U'$ is open in M and contains p_1 . But since $\mu(g^{-1}U') = \mu(U')$, $U'' \subset v(\cap(U'))$. Now let $p \in U''$ be arbitrary. Since $\mu(p) \in \mu(\cap(U'))$. We have for the unique $p' \in U'$ such that $\mu(p') = \mu(p)$ that $v' \circ v^{-1}(p) = v' \circ \mu|_U(p) = v'([p]) = (\mu|_U)^{-1}([p]) = p'$. But then there is a $g \in G$ such that $p' = gp$. Hence on U'' $v' \circ v^{-1} = L_g$ which is a diffeomorphism. Thus M/G is a C^∞ manifold. Moreover, the charts $(\pi(U), \psi)$ locally come from (U, ϕ) so $\dim M/G = \dim M$. Moreover on $\pi(U)$ $\hat{\mu} = \psi \circ \mu \circ \phi^{-1}$ is a diffeomorphism, in fact it is the identity function so $\text{rank } \mu = \dim M = \dim M/G$, μ is a submersion and M/G is a Hausdorff quotient manifold.

Remark: If we drop the condition that G acts properly, then M/G is a non Hausdorff quotient manifold.

We shall now prove a theorem which will provide us with groups acting properly discontinuously. First, we prove

Lemma 3.6: Let G be a Lie group and Γ subgroup of G having the property that there exists a neighborhood U of e (identity) $\in G$ such that $U \cap \Gamma = \{e\}$. Then Γ is a countable closed subset of G and is discrete as a subspace of G . (Such a Γ is called a discrete subgroup).

Proof: Let U be a neighborhood of $e \in G$. Since the map $(g_1, g_2) \longrightarrow g_1 g_2^{-1}$ is continuous and sends $(e, e) \longrightarrow e$, there is a neighborhood V of e such that $VV^{-1} \subset U$. Let $\{h_n\} \in \Gamma$ be a sequence and g its limit point, then there is an integer $N > 0$ such that for all $n > N$ $h_n \in Vg$. Now let $v_n, v_m \in V$ be chosen by $h_n = v_n g$

$h_m = v_m g$ for $n, m > N$. Then $h_n h_m^{-1} = v_n v_m^{-1} \in U$. But $U \cap \Gamma = \{e\}$ so $h_n h_m^{-1} = e$ or $h_n = h_m$ for all $n, m > N$. Thus $h_n = h_m = g$ for all $n, m > N$, so $g \in \Gamma$; hence Γ is closed. Moreover, for $h \in \Gamma$ hU is a neighborhood of h with $hU \cap \Gamma = \{h\}$. Thus, Γ is discrete. To see that Γ is countable we first notice that the family of sets $\{hV, h \in \Gamma\}$ is indexed by Γ . Furthermore, if $h_1 V \cap h_2 V \neq \emptyset$ then there are $v_1, v_2 \in V$ such that $h_1 v_1 = h_2 v_2$ which implies $h_2^{-1} h_1 = v_2 v_1^{-1} \in VV^{-1} \subset U$ implying $h_1 = h_2$ since $U \cap \Gamma = \{e\}$. So the sets $\{hV, h \in \Gamma\}$ are disjoint open sets of G . But G has countable basis, so the family $\{hV, h \in \Gamma\}$ must be countable; hence Γ is countable. Q.E.D.

Theorem 3.12: A discrete subgroup Γ of a Lie group G acts freely and properly discontinuously on G by left (or right) translations.

Proof: The action is clearly free since if $gh = g$ for $h \in \Gamma$, $g \in G$, then we must have $h = e$. To see that the action is discontinuous we choose neighborhoods U, V of e as above with $VV^{-1} \subset U$ and $U \cap \Gamma = \{e\}$. Suppose $v' \in V \cap hV$, $e \neq h \in \Gamma$, then there is a $v \in V$ such that $v' = hv$. Thus $h = v'v^{-1} \in VV^{-1} \subset U$ implying $h = e$. Contradiction so $V \cap hV = \{\emptyset\}$. By left translations the argument applies to any point $g \in G$ with neighborhood Vg . To see that the action is proper we consider two distinct Γ -orbits in G , Γ_x and Γ_y . Then $x \notin \Gamma_y$ and since Γ is closed and left translation is a homeomorphism Γ_y is closed. But since a manifold is regular by theorem 1.9 there are neighborhoods U of x and \tilde{U} of Γ_y such that $U \cap \tilde{U} = \emptyset$. But every nbd \tilde{U} can be written as $\tilde{U} = \Gamma V$

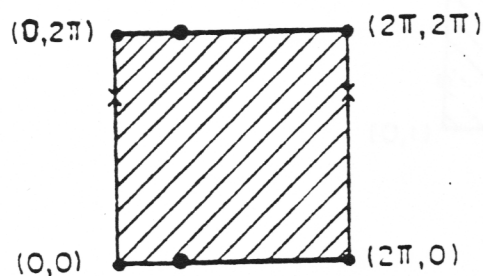
where V is a neighborhood of y . Thus $U \cap \Gamma V = \emptyset$. Q.E.D.

The following follows immediately from theorems 3.11 and 3.12:

Corollary: If Γ is a discrete subgroup of a Lie group G , then the space of right (or left) cosets G/Γ is a C^∞ -manifold and the quotient map $\mu: G \longrightarrow G/\Gamma$ is a C^∞ submersion.

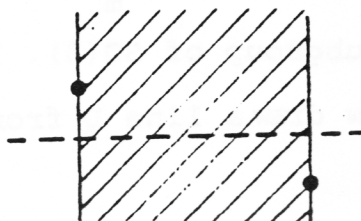
Example 3.31: According to example 3.18, \mathbb{R}^n is a Lie group. Let Γ be the subgroup of \mathbb{R}^n which acts on \mathbb{R}^n as $x^i \longmapsto x^i + 2\pi k_i$ where k_i are integers and (x^i) is the Cartesian chart. Consider the neighborhood U of $e = (0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by $U = S(0, \epsilon)$, where $\epsilon < 1$. Now $\Gamma \approx \mathbb{Z}^n$ as a set ($\mathbb{Z}^n = \mathbb{Z}x \dots x \mathbb{Z}$, n times, $\mathbb{Z} = \text{integers}$). So Γ is the set of all points of the form $2\pi(k_1, \dots, k_n)$ $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Clearly $U \cap \Gamma = \{e\}$, so Γ is discrete. It follows that \mathbb{R}^n/Γ is a C^∞ manifold. Let us see what this is. If $n=1$ then $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} = S^1$. But $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^1 \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^1$ and is commutative as a group (Abelian), i.e. $x+y = y+x$. So $\mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{Z}^n = \mathbb{R}^1/\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^1/\mathbb{Z} = S^1 \times \dots \times S^1$ i.e. $\mathbb{R}^n/\Gamma = T^n$ (n dimensional Torus) as sets. It remains to check that this holds as C^∞ manifolds. Consider the case $\mathbb{R}^1/\mathbb{Z} = S^1$. On \mathbb{R}^1 take neighborhoods $U_k = (2\pi k, 2\pi(k+1))$, $k = 0, \pm 1, \dots$. The projection $\mu: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ restricted to U_k is a bijection for each k . Moreover, $[U_k] = (U_k) = \mu(U_\ell)$ for all $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $[U_k]$ is open since μ is open and a representative is $(0, 2\pi)$. Then the map $f: (0, 2\pi) \longrightarrow S^1 = (1, 0)$ of example 3.5 provides a chart on \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} . Now consider neighborhoods \dot{U}_k on \mathbb{R}^1 of the form $(-\pi + 2\pi k, \pi + 2\pi k)$. Again on \dot{U}_k μ is a bijection

with $\mu(\dot{U}_k) = \mu(\dot{U}_\ell)$. A representative is $(-\pi, \pi)$. The map $f': (-\pi, \pi) \longrightarrow S^1 - (-1, 0)$ provides another chart for S^1 . These are precisely the two charts of example 3.2. Moreover, $\mu(U_k \cup U_\ell) = R/Z$. Doing the same thing for each dimension provides an identification $R^n/Z^n = T^n$ as C^∞ manifolds. Notice that what we have done above is just consider a certain subset F of R^n which contains just one point from each equivalence class. The closure \bar{F} of such a subset is called a fundamental domain. Here we draw \bar{F} in the case of R^2/Z^2 .



We identify all points denoted with \bullet , or \times .

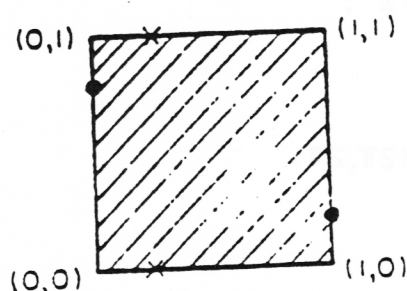
Example 3.32: Consider the discrete group $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}$ acting on R^2 by sending $(x,y) \longmapsto (x+k, (-1)^k y)$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. One can check that this action is free and properly discontinuous (left as an exercise). Thus R^2/Γ is a C^∞ manifold. In fact, since in $\{(x,y) \in R^2 \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$ the only non-trivial relations are $(0,y) \sim (1,-y)$, R^2/Γ is the infinite Mobius strip. The fundamental domain is given by



For the next example we need to recall the "twisted" or semidirect product $G \rtimes H$ of two groups G and H . Suppose there is a representation of the group G in the group of automorphisms of H , i.e. a group homomorphism $\rho: G \rightarrow \text{Aut } H$. Then we can define a group structure on the set $G \times H$ by

$$(g', h') \cdot (g, h) = (g'g, (\rho(g')h) \cdot h').$$

Example 3.33: The discrete group $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$ acts on \mathbb{R}^2 by sending $(x, y) \mapsto (x+k, (-1)^k y + \ell)$. Again it is left as an exercise to check that this action is C^∞ , free, and properly discontinuous. Thus \mathbb{R}^2/Γ is a C^∞ manifold. The fundamental domain is



$$\begin{aligned} \times : t_{0,1} & \begin{aligned} (x,y) &\sim (x,y+1) \\ (0,y) &\sim (0,1+y) \end{aligned} \\ \bullet : t_{1,1} & \begin{aligned} (x,y) &\sim (x+1, -y+1) \\ (0,y) &\sim (1, 1-y) \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

Here \mathbb{R}^2/Γ is known as the Klein bottle.

Exercise: Show that the Γ 's of examples 3.32 and 3.33

act freely and properly discontinuously.

Exercise: Consider the rotation group $SO(3)$ and a regular m -polygon in the x - y plane with center at the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Show that the set of rotations Z_m of angle $2\pi/m$ about the z -axis is a discrete subgroup of $SO(3)$. It is called the cyclic group of order m . Now draw a line L from one of the vertices of

the m -polygon through the origin until it meets an edge or vertex of the polygon. A rotation R about L of angle π is a symmetry of the polygon. Show that the set $\{Z_m, R\}$ is a discrete subgroup of $SO(3)$. It is called the dihedral group of order $2m$.

Exercise: Using methods of this section show that $P^n(\mathbb{R})$ is a C^∞ manifold.

Exercise: Show that the infinite Möbius strip of example 3.32 and the Möbius strip of example 2.4 are diffeomorphic.

Theorem 3.13: Let Γ be a discrete group acting freely and properly discontinuously on a C^∞ manifold M . Then M/Γ is compact if and only if there is a compact subset $K \subset M$ such that $\Gamma K = M$.

Proof: Suppose M/Γ is compact and $\rho: M \rightarrow M/\Gamma$ is the quotient map. For each $\bar{x} \in M/\Gamma$ choose a point $x \in \rho^{-1}(\bar{x}) \subset M$, and let K denote the set of such points. Then $\Gamma K = M$. Let $\{U_\alpha\}$ be an open cover of M . Then $\{\rho(U_\alpha)\}$ is an open cover for M/Γ . Let $\{\rho(U_{\alpha_i})\}$ be a finite subcover. Then $\{U_{\alpha_i}\}$ is a finite subcover for K .

Conversely, let K be a compact subset of M such that $\Gamma K = M$. Since ρ is continuous $\rho(K)$ is a compact subset of M/Γ . But if $\bar{x} \in M/\Gamma$ and $x \in M$, there are $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and $k \in K$ such that $x = \gamma k$. So $\bar{x} = \rho(x) = \rho(\gamma k) = \rho(k) \in \rho(K)$, i.e. $\rho(K) = M/\Gamma$. So M/Γ is compact.

It follows easily from this theorem that the torus and Klein bottle are compact.

Theorem 3.14: Any finite group Γ acting freely on a manifold M acts properly discontinuously.

Proof: Let $\Gamma = \{\gamma_0 = e, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\}$. Since M is Hausdorff and Γ acts freely, if we choose any $x \in M$, there are neighborhoods U_j , $j = 0, \dots, n$ of $\gamma_j x$ such that $U_0 \cap U_j = \emptyset$ for all $j = 1, \dots, n$. Now define $U = \bigcap_{j=0}^n \gamma_j^{-1} U_j$, then $x \in U$ and $U \cap \gamma U = \emptyset$ for all $\gamma \neq e$. Moreover if x and y lie in distinct Γ -orbits there is a neighborhood U_y of y such that $U_y \cap U_j = \emptyset$ for all $j = 0, \dots, n$. Thus $U_y \cap \gamma U = \emptyset$ since $\gamma_j U \subset U_j$.

Example 3.34: Lens spaces: Consider

$S^3 = \{(z^1, z^2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z^1|^2 + |z^2|^2 = 1\}$. Fix a prime p . The cyclic group \mathbb{Z}_p of order p acts on S^3 as follows: Fix any q relatively prime to p and consider the transformation

$$(z^1, z^2) \longmapsto (e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}} z^1, e^{\frac{2\pi i q}{p}} z^2)$$

Call this transformation h . The cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}_p = \{e, h, h^2, \dots, h^{p-1}\}$ acts freely on S^3 since if $(h^r z^1, h^{qr} z^2) = (z^1, z^2)$ for $r = 0, \dots, p-1$, then either $h^r = 1$ or $h^{qr} = 1$ implying $r = 0$. Thus by theorem 3.14 \mathbb{Z}_p acts properly discontinuously on S^3 and by theorem 3.11 the quotient space $L(q, p)$ (called a lens space) is a C^∞ manifold of dimension 3. Since S^3 is compact, so is $L(q, p)$. Note that $L(1, 2) = \mathbb{P}^3(\mathbb{R})$. This construction can be generalized to any odd dimensional sphere.