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Th^m Every k -dimensional smooth manifold admits a one-to-one immersion into \mathbb{R}^{2k+1} .

Pf Let X ~~$\subset \mathbb{R}^N$~~ be a smooth k -manifold and let $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ be an embedding for $N > 2k+1$.

Define: $h: X \times X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ by $h(x, y, t) = t(f(x) - f(y))$

Define: $g: T(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ by $g(x, v) = df_x(v)$.

Claim: h and g are smooth

Pf Exercise.

Claim: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a smooth map and $\dim(X) < \dim(Y)$, then $f(X)$ has measure zero.

Pf Last time

By claim, both $\text{Im}(h)$ and $\text{Im}(g)$ have measure zero in \mathbb{R}^N . Hence, we can choose $a \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{\vec{0}\}$ s.t. $a \notin \text{Im}(h)$ and $a \notin \text{Im}(g)$.

Define $\pi: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow H$ be the projection map where H is the $(N-1)$ -dim'l subspace of \mathbb{R}^N that is perpendicular to a .

Claim: $\pi \circ f: X \rightarrow H$ is one-to-one.

Pf] Suppose not. Let $x, y \in X$ s.t. $x \neq y$
and $\pi \circ f(x) = \pi \circ f(y)$.

Since f is an embedding, $f(x) \neq f(y)$.

Hence, $\exists t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. $f(x) - f(y) = t \cdot a$.

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{t}(f(x) - f(y)) = a.$$

$$\text{or } h(x, y, \frac{1}{t}) = a.$$

However, this contradicts our choice of a . \square

Claim: $\pi \circ f: X \rightarrow H$ is an immersion.

Pf] Suppose not. There exists $x \in X$
and $v \in T_x(X)$ s.t. $v \neq \vec{0}$ and $\frac{d}{dt}(\pi \circ f)(t) = \vec{0}$.
 $d(\pi \circ f)_x(v) = \vec{0}$.

By chain rule, $\frac{d}{dt}(\pi \circ f) \circ df_x(v) = \vec{0}$.

Since π is linear, $\pi \circ df_x(v) = \vec{0}$.

So $df_x(v) = t \cdot a$ for some $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

*Note $t \neq 0$ since df_x is one-to-one.

$$\frac{1}{t} df_x(v) = a$$

$$df_x(\frac{1}{t} \cdot v) = a$$

$$g(x, \frac{1}{t}v) = a \neq \square$$

Thus $\pi \circ f: X \rightarrow H \cong \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ is a one-to-one immersion.

By induction $\exists g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2k+1}$, a one-to-one immersion. \square

Corollary | If X is a compact k -manifold, then X can be embedded in \mathbb{R}^{2k+1} .

Pf | By theorem, there exists a one-to-one immersion $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2k+1}$.

Need to show g is proper. Let $C \subset \mathbb{R}^{2k+1}$ be compact. By H.B. C is closed & bounded. Thus $g^{-1}(C) \subset X$ is closed. Since closed subsets of compact sets are compact, then $g^{-1}(C)$ is compact. \square

partitions of unity

Thm | Let X be a ~~arbitrary subset of~~ \mathbb{R}^N manifold.

For any covering of X by open sets $\{U_\alpha\}$ in X , there exists a sequence of smooth functions $\{\theta_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ s.t.

$\theta_i: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, called a partition of unity subordinate to $\{U_\alpha\}$, with the following properties

- 1) $0 \leq \theta_i(x) \leq 1$ for all $x \in X$ and all i .
- 2) $\forall x \in X \exists U_x$ a nbh of x in X s.t. all but finitely many θ_i are non-zero on U_x
- 3) Each θ_i is zero outside of a closed subset of some U_α .
- 4) $\forall x \in X \sum_{i=1}^\infty \theta_i(x) = 1$ (a finite sum!)

Pf | In Book.

$$\sum_{i=1}^\infty$$

Corollary | Given any manifold X , there is a proper map $p: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Pf | Let $\{U_\alpha\}$ be the collection of open sets in X that have compact closures. Let $\{\theta_i\}$ be a subordinate partition of unity.

Define $p: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $p(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i \theta_i(x)$.

Note p is smooth.

If $p(x) \leq j$, then at least one of $\theta_1(x), \dots, \theta_j(x)$ is non-zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So; } p^{-1}([-j, j]) &\subset \bigcup_{i=1}^j \{x \in X \mid \theta_i(x) \neq 0\} \\ &\subset \bigcup_{i=1}^j U_{\alpha_i} \end{aligned}$$

But, $\text{cl}(\bigcup_{i=1}^j U_{\alpha_i})$ is compact by assumption

and $p^{-1}([-j, j])$ is closed, by continuity.

So $p^{-1}([-j, j])$ is a closed subset of a compact set, so is compact.

By H.B. any compact subset of \mathbb{R} is contained in $[-j, j]$ for some j . So, p is proper. \square

