Differentiable manifolds – hand-in sheet 4

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The orthogonal group

Exercise 1. Let $M_{n \times n}$ be the set of $n \times n$ matrices. Recall that the group of orthogonal matrices is

$$O(n) = \{ A \in M_{n \times n} | AA^t = Id \},\$$

where \cdot^t indicate matrix transposition. In this exercise we prove that O(n) is a Lie group.

1. (1 pt) Let Sym_n be the set of $n \times n$ symmetric matrices, i.e.,

$$Sym_n = \{A \in M_{n \times n} | A = A^t\}.$$

Show that Sym_n can be given the structure of a manifold for which it is diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$.

2. (4 pt) Show that the map

$$\varphi: M_{n \times n} \longrightarrow Sym_n; \qquad \varphi(A) = AA^t.$$

is smooth and that $\mathrm{Id} \in Sym_n$ is a regular value of this map. Hence conclude that $O(n) \subset M_{n \times n}$ is an embedded submanifold. What is the dimension of O(n)?

- 3. (2 pt) Show that O(n) endowed with matrix multiplication is a Lie group, i.e., show that multiplication and inversion are smooth maps on O(n).
- 4. (3 pt) Describe the tangent space of O(n) at Id.