

Solutions of Homework 2

1 Check whether the following subsets are open

- a) the subset $\{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2: x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$,
- b) the subset $\{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2: x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$,
- c) the subset $\{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2: 0 < x < 1\}$
- d) the subset $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{R}^3: x^2 + y^2 < 1, |z| < 1\}$
- e) the subset $\mathbf{R}^2 \setminus I_-$, where $I_- = \{(x, y): y = 0, x \leq 0\}$.

(a) The domain a) is open, because every point is internal. To check it notice that for an arbitrary point (x_0, y_0) in this domain $(x_0, y_0): x_0^2 + y_0^2 < 1$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\sqrt{x_0^2 + y_0^2} \leq 1 - \delta$. Hence all the points of the ball

$$B_{\frac{\delta}{2}}(x_0, y_0): \left\{ (x, y) \mid d((x, y), (x_0, y_0)) < \frac{\delta}{2} \right\}$$

belong to this domain. Thus we prove that any point of this domain is internal. Hence the domain is open.

(b) This domain is not open: the points (x_0, y_0) such that $x_0^2 + y_0^2 = 1$ are not internal.

(c) This domain is open, because every point is internal. To check it notice that for an arbitrary point (x_0, y_0) in this domain $(x_0, y_0): 0 < x < 1$, all the points of the ball $B_\delta(x_0, y_0)$ with $\delta < \frac{1}{2} \min\{1 - x, |x|\}$ belong to this domain.

(d) The domain is open, because every point is internal. To check it notice that for an arbitrary point (x_0, y_0, z_0) in this domain $(x_0, y_0, z_0): x_0^2 + y_0^2 < 1, |z_0| < 1$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\begin{cases} \sqrt{x_0^2 + y_0^2} \leq 1 - \delta \\ |z_0| \leq 1 - \delta \end{cases}$. Hence all the points of the ball $B_{\frac{\delta}{2}}(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ belong to this domain. Thus we prove that any point of this domain is internal. Hence the domain is open.

(e) The domain is open. Take an arbitrary point (x_0, y_0) in this domain, i.e, $y_0 \neq 0$ or if $y_0 = 0$ then $x_0 > 0$. In the first case if $y_0 \neq 0$, then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|y_0| \geq \delta$, hence all the points of the ball $B_{\frac{\delta}{2}}(x_0, y_0)$ belong to the domain.

If $y_0 = 0$ and $x > 0$ then there exist $\delta > 0$ such that $x_0 \geq \delta$, hence all the points of the ball $B_{\frac{\delta}{2}}(x_0, 0)$ belong to this domain. Thus we prove that any point of this domain is internal. Hence the domain is open.

2 Consider the sets U_1, U_2 on \mathbf{R}^2 such that $U_1 = \mathbf{R}^2 \setminus I_-$, $U_2 = \mathbf{R}^2 \setminus I_+$, where $I_- = \{(x, y): y = 0, x \leq 0\}$, $I_+ = \{(x, y): y = 0, x \geq 0\}$. Using polar coordinates define charts $(U_1, \varphi_1), (U_2, \varphi_2)$. Show that these charts do not form an atlas on \mathbf{R}^2 . Consider an additional chart (U_3, φ_3) , where $U_3 = \mathbf{R}^2$, $\varphi_3 = \text{id}$. Show that $\{(U_3, \varphi_3), (U_1, \varphi_1)\}$ is an atlas on \mathbf{R}^2 . Show that this atlas is smooth.

The charts φ_1, φ_2 are following:

$$\varphi_1: (x, y) \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} (r, \theta_1) \text{ with } -\pi < \theta_1 < \pi, \quad \varphi_2: (x, y) \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} (r, \theta_2) \text{ with } 0 < \theta_2 < 2\pi \left(\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases} \right)$$

The map φ_1 maps the set U_1 onto the open domain $0 < r < \infty, -\pi < \theta_1 < \pi$. The map φ_2 maps the set U_2 onto the open domain $0 < r < \infty, 0 < \theta_2 < 2\pi$. Both maps are bijections on the images. Hence these maps are charts.

The sets U_1, U_2 do not cover the whole \mathbf{R}^2 , because the point $(0, 0)$ does not belong neither U_1 , nor U_2 . Hence these charts do not form an atlas.

The sets U_2, U_3 do cover the whole \mathbf{R}^2 , because the points on I_+ , which do not belong to U_2 belong to U_3 . The transition map

$$\Psi_{32} = \varphi_3 \varphi_2^{-1}: (r, \varphi) \rightarrow (x, y): \begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

is smooth: both functions $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$ are smooth.

3 a) Define an atlas on S^1 with two charts using stereographic coordinates considered in the Homework 1 and show that this atlas is smooth.

b) Do the same for S^2 .

(a) To solve this problem use the exercise 1 of Homework 1.

Define the first chart (U_1, φ_1) using stereographic coordinate related with North pole:

$$U_1 = S^1 \setminus \{0, 1\}, \quad \varphi_1: U_1 \ni (x, y) \mapsto u = \frac{x}{1-y}$$

and

$$U_2 = S^1 \setminus \{0, -1\}, \quad \varphi_2: U_2 \ni (x, y) \mapsto u' = \frac{x}{1+y}$$

(see solution of exercise 1 in Homework 1) These maps are really charts because in both cases maps are bijections and an image is \mathbf{R} —open domain.

The sets U_1, U_2 cover the S^1 . Hence these two charts form an atlas.

The transition function:

$$\Psi_{21} = \varphi_2 \varphi_1^{-1}: u \mapsto u' = \frac{1}{u}$$

is smooth function. Hence the atlas is smooth.

(b) To solve this problem use the exercise 2 of Homework 1.

Consider S^2 as a set of points $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ in \mathbf{R}^3 .

Define the first chart (U_1, φ_1) using stereographic coordinate related with North pole:

$$U_1 = S^1 \setminus \{0, 0, 1\}, \quad \varphi_1: U_1 \ni (x, y, z) \mapsto \begin{cases} u = \frac{x}{1-z} \\ v = \frac{y}{1-z} \end{cases}$$

and the second chart (U_2, φ_2) using stereographic coordinate related with North pole:

$$U_2 = S^1 \setminus \{0, 0, -1\}, \quad \varphi_2: U_2 \ni (x, y, z) \mapsto \begin{cases} u' = \frac{x}{1+z} \\ v' = \frac{y}{1+z} \end{cases}$$

(see solution of exercise 2 in Homework 1) The image of map φ_1 and φ_2 is whole \mathbf{R}^2 , i.e. image is open. These maps establish one-one correspondence. Thus these maps are really charts.

The sets U_1, U_2 cover the S^1 . Hence these two charts form an atlas. The transition function:

$$\Psi_{21} = \varphi_2 \varphi_1^{-1}: (u, v) \mapsto (u', v'), \quad \begin{cases} u' = \frac{u}{u^2+v^2} \\ v' = \frac{v}{u^2+v^2} \end{cases}$$

(see the exercise 2 in Homework 1) is smooth function. Hence the atlas is smooth.

4 Define an atlas on $\mathbf{R}P^2$ using inhomogeneous coordinates (see Homework 1). Show that this atlas is smooth. **4b)*** Do the same for $\mathbf{R}P^n$ ($n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$)

We use here the exercise 5 of Homework 1. a) First introduce atlas on $\mathbf{R}P^2$.

We consider $\mathbf{R}P^2$ as a set of equivalence classes $[x : y : z]$ of non-zero vectors in \mathbf{R}^3 .

Define charts $(U_1, \varphi_1), (U_2, \varphi_2), (U_3, \varphi_3)$ such that

$$U_1 = \{[x : y : z] \text{ such that } x \neq 0\} \varphi_1, \quad [x : y : z] \mapsto (u_{(1)}, v_{(1)}), \quad \begin{cases} u_{(1)} = \frac{y}{x} \\ v_{(1)} = \frac{z}{x} \end{cases}$$

$$U_2 = \{[x : y : z] \text{ such that } y \neq 0\} \varphi_2, \quad [x : y : z] \mapsto (u_{(2)}, v_{(2)}), \quad \begin{cases} u_{(2)} = \frac{x}{y} \\ v_{(2)} = \frac{z}{y} \end{cases}$$

$$U_3 = \{[x : y : z] \text{ such that } z \neq 0\} \varphi_3, [x : y : z] \mapsto (u_{(3)}, v_{(3)}), \quad \begin{cases} u_{(3)} = \frac{x}{z} \\ v_{(3)} = \frac{y}{z} \end{cases}$$

These three maps are charts because they are bijections on \mathbf{R}^3 .

These charts form an atlas, because for an arbitrary point $[x : y : z] \in \mathbf{R}P^2$ $x \neq 0$, or $y \neq 0$ or $z \neq 0$. Transition functions are

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{21} &= \varphi_2 \varphi_1^{-1}, (u_{(1)}, v_{(1)}) \mapsto (u_{(2)}, v_{(2)}), \quad \begin{cases} u_{(2)} = \frac{x}{y} = 1 : \frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{u_{(1)}} \\ v_{(2)} = \frac{z}{y} = \frac{z}{x} : \frac{y}{x} = \frac{v_{(1)}}{u_{(2)}} \end{cases} \\ \Psi_{32} &= \varphi_3 \varphi_2^{-1}, (u_{(2)}, v_{(2)}) \mapsto (u_{(3)}, v_{(3)}), \quad \begin{cases} u_{(3)} = \frac{x}{z} = \frac{x}{y} : \frac{z}{y} = \frac{u_{(2)}}{v_{(2)}} \\ v_{(3)} = \frac{y}{z} = 1 : \frac{z}{y} = \frac{1}{v_{(2)}} \end{cases} \\ \Psi_{13} &= \varphi_1 \varphi_3^{-1}, (u_{(3)}, v_{(3)}) \mapsto (u_{(1)}, v_{(1)}), \quad \begin{cases} u_{(1)} = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{y}{z} : \frac{x}{z} = \frac{v_{(3)}}{u_{(3)}} \\ v_{(1)} = \frac{z}{x} = 1 : \frac{x}{z} = \frac{1}{u_{(3)}} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

All transition functions are smooth, hence the atlas is smooth.

The case of $\mathbf{R}P^n$. We consider $\mathbf{R}P^n$ as a set of equivalence classes $[x^1 : x^2 : \dots : x^n : x^{n+1}]$ of non-zero vectors in \mathbf{R}^{n+1} .

In this case we have $n + 1$ -charts (U_k, φ_k) ($k=1,2,3,\dots,n+1$), where

$$U_k = \{[x^1 : x^2 : \dots : x^n : x^{n+1}] \text{ such that } x^k \neq 0\}$$

and $\varphi_k, [x^1 : x^2 : \dots : x^n : x^{n+1}] \mapsto (u_{(1)}^1, \dots, u_{(1)}^n)$ are

$$\varphi_1: \begin{cases} u_{(1)}^1 = \frac{x^2}{x^1} \\ u_{(1)}^2 = \frac{x^3}{x^1} \\ u_{(1)}^3 = \frac{x^4}{x^1} \\ \dots \\ u_{(1)}^k = \frac{x^{n+1}}{x^1} \end{cases}, \quad \varphi_2: \begin{cases} u_{(2)}^1 = \frac{x^1}{x^2} \\ u_{(2)}^2 = \frac{x^3}{x^2} \\ u_{(2)}^3 = \frac{x^4}{x^2} \\ \dots \\ u_{(2)}^k = \frac{x^{n+1}}{x^2} \end{cases}, \quad \dots, \varphi_{n+1}: \begin{cases} u_{(n+1)}^1 = \frac{x^1}{x^{n+1}} \\ u_{(n+1)}^2 = \frac{x^2}{x^{n+1}} \\ u_{(n+1)}^3 = \frac{x^3}{x^{n+1}} \\ \dots \\ u_{(n+1)}^k = \frac{x^n}{x^{n+1}} \end{cases}$$

This collection of charts is an atlas because for an arbitrary point $[x^1 : x^2 : \dots : x^n : x^{n+1}] \in \mathbf{R}P^n$ one of components is not equal to zero. One can see that all transition functions are smooth. E.g.

$$\Psi_{21} = \varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1} (u_{(1)}^1, \dots, u_{(1)}^n) \mapsto (u_{(2)}^1, \dots, u_{(2)}^n), \quad \begin{cases} u_{(2)}^1 = \frac{x^1}{x^2} = 1 : \frac{x^2}{x^1} = \frac{1}{u_{(1)}^2} \\ u_{(2)}^2 = \frac{x^3}{x^2} = \frac{x^3}{x^1} : \frac{x^2}{x^1} = \frac{u_{(1)}^3}{u_{(1)}^2} \\ u_{(2)}^3 = \frac{x^4}{x^2} = \frac{x^4}{x^1} : \frac{x^2}{x^1} = \frac{u_{(1)}^4}{u_{(1)}^2} \end{cases}$$

and all components are smooth functions.

5 Define an smooth atlas on $\mathbf{C}P^1$. **5b)*** Do it for $\mathbf{C}P^n$.

$\mathbf{C}P^1$ is the set of equivalence classes of pairs of complex numbers $[z^1 : z^2]$, such that $z^1 \neq 0$ or $z^2 \neq 0$. For $\mathbf{C}P^1$ we have an atlas with two charts:

First chart (U_1, φ_1) : the set U_1 of the equivalence classes $[z^1 : z^2]$ such that $z^1 \neq 0$ and the map

$$\varphi_1: U_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}: u = \frac{z^2}{z^1}, \quad (u \in \mathbf{C})$$

of U_1 in \mathbf{R}^2 (complex plane)

Second chart: the set U_2 of the equivalence classes $[z^1 : z^2]$ such that $z^2 \neq 0$ and the map

$$\varphi_2: U_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}: w = \frac{z^1}{z^2}, \quad (w \in \mathbf{C})$$

These two maps φ_1, φ_2 are bijections of sphere without a point on the whole plane \mathbf{R}^2 . Hence they are charts. These two charts form an atlas.

Consider transition function $\Psi_{21} = \varphi_2 \varphi_1^{-1}$, $w = \frac{1}{u}$. In terms of real coordinates it will be

$$w = v + it = \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{x + iy} = \frac{x - iy}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \begin{cases} v = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \\ t = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \end{cases}$$

These both functions are smooth. Hence the atlas is smooth.

In the case $\mathbf{C}P^n$ the atlas formally looks like for the $\mathbf{R}P^n$ but all $x^i, u_{(r)}^k$ are complex variables.

6 Is the map $\varphi: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, x \mapsto x^3$ a diffeomorphism?

This map is one-one map of \mathbf{R}^1 on \mathbf{R}^n . It is smooth function, but... the inverse function $x \mapsto \sqrt[3]{x}$ is not smooth at the point $x = 0$, since the first derivative already is not defined at this point. Hence this map is not diffeomorphism.

7 Establish diffeomorphisms between $\mathbf{R}P^1$ and S^1 , and between $\mathbf{C}P^1$ and S^2 .

a) Diffeomorphism $\mathbf{R}P^1$ and S^1 .

Consider $\mathbf{R}P^1$ as set $[x : y]$ of equivalence classes of vectors in \mathbf{R}^2 and S^1 as set of points $(x, y): x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

The atlas $\{(U_1, \varphi_1), (U_2, \varphi_2)\}$ was already constructed in the exercise 3a:

$$U_1 = S^1 \setminus (0, 1), \quad \varphi_1: U_1 \ni (x, y) \mapsto u = \frac{x}{1 - y}, \quad U_2 = S^1 \setminus (0, -1), \quad \varphi_2: U_2 \ni (x, y) \mapsto u' = \frac{x}{1 + y}$$

with transition function

$$\Psi_{21} = \varphi_2 \varphi_1^{-1}: u \mapsto u' = \frac{1}{u}$$

The atlas on $\mathbf{R}P^1$ is $\{(U'_1, \varphi'_1), (U'_2, \varphi'_2)\}$ where U'_1 is a set of points $[x : y]$ with $y \neq 0$, U'_2 is a set of points $[x : y]$ with $x \neq 0$,

$$\varphi'_1([x, y]) = v = \frac{x}{y}, \quad \varphi'_2([x, y]) = v' = \frac{y}{x}$$

with transition function $v' = \frac{1}{v}$.

Define the following map from S^1 to $\mathbf{R}P^1$

$$S^1 \ni (x, y), F(x, y) = \begin{cases} [1 - y : x] = [1 : \frac{x}{1-y}] & \text{if } y \neq 1 \\ [0 : 1] & \text{if } y = 1 \end{cases}$$

This map establishes one-one correspondence between all the points of the circle except the North Pole and the points of the line \mathbf{R}^1 and it sends the North Pole to the "infinity" point $[0 : 1]$ of projective line.

Write down the expression of this map in coordinates:

$$F_{1'1} = \varphi'_1 \varphi_1^{-1}: u \mapsto v, v = u,$$

$$F_{2'1} = \varphi'_2 \varphi_1^{-1}: u \mapsto v', v' = \frac{1}{u}$$

$$F_{1'2} = \varphi'_1 \varphi_2^{-1}: u' \mapsto v, v = \frac{1}{u'},$$

$$F_{2'2} = \varphi'_2 \varphi_2^{-1}: u' \mapsto v', v' = u',$$

All coordinate expressions for the map F is smooth.

We see that the map F is one-one correspondence and in all local charts this function and its inverse are smooth functions. Hence it is diffeomorphism.

Remark Notice that one can write the function F in the following "symmetric" way:

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} [1 - y : x] & \text{if } y \neq 1 \\ [x : 1 + y] & \text{if } y \neq -1 \end{cases}$$

$$([1 - y : x] = [1 - y^2 : x(1 + y)] = [x^2 : x(1 + y)] = [x : 1 + y])$$

Now establish diffeomorphism between S^2 and \mathbf{CP}^1 .

We already constructed atlases for these spaces (see exercises 3,5):

Atlas $\{(U_1, \varphi_1), (U_2, \varphi_2)\}$ for S^2 is

$$U_1 = S^1 \setminus (0, 0, 1), \quad \varphi_1: U_1 \ni (x, y, z) \mapsto \begin{cases} u = \frac{x}{1-z} \\ v = \frac{y}{1-z} \end{cases}$$

and

$$U_2 = S^1 \setminus (0, 0, -1), \quad \varphi_2: U_2 \ni (x, y, z) \mapsto \begin{cases} u' = \frac{x}{1+z} \\ v' = \frac{y}{1+z} \end{cases}$$

with transition function:

$$\Psi_{21} = \varphi_2 \varphi_1^{-1}: (u, v) \mapsto (u', v'), \quad \begin{cases} u' = \frac{u}{u^2+v^2} \\ v' = \frac{v}{u^2+v^2} \end{cases}$$

and atlas $\{(U'_1, \varphi'_1), (U'_2, \varphi'_2)\}$ for \mathbf{CP}^1 where

$$\varphi'_1: U'_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}: s = \frac{z^2}{z^1}, \quad (u \in \mathbf{C}) \quad \varphi'_2: U'_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}: s' = \frac{z^1}{z^2}, \quad (w \in \mathbf{C})$$

where $U'_1 = \{[z^1 : z^2], z^1 \neq 0\}$, $U'_2 = \{[z^1 : z^2], z^2 \neq 0\}$ and transition functions $s = \frac{1}{s'}$ where s, s' are complex variables.

Now consider the following map of S^1 on \mathbf{CP}^1

$$S^2 \ni (x, y, z), \quad F(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} [1 - z : x + iy] & \text{if } z \neq 1 \\ [1 + z : x - iy] & \text{if } z \neq -1 \end{cases}$$

This map sends all the points of the sphere except the north pole on the complex plane and North pole to the point $[0 : 1]$. It is one-one correspondence between S^2 and \mathbf{CP}^1 .

Derive expressions in coordinates for the map F . We see that $[1 - z : x + iy] = [1 : \frac{x+iy}{1-z}] = [1 : u + iv]$, hence

$$F_{1'1} = \varphi'_1 \varphi_1^{-1}, \quad s = u + iv$$

and

$$F_{2'1} = \varphi'_2 \varphi_1^{-1}, \quad s' = \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{u + iv} = \frac{u - iv}{u^2 + v^2}$$

Respectively $[1 - z : x + iy] = [(1 - z(x - iy) : x^2 + y^2)] = [x - iy : 1 + z] = [\frac{x-iy}{1-z} : 1] = [u' - iv' : 1]$ and

$$F_{2'2} = \varphi'_2 \varphi_2^{-1}, \quad s' = u' - iv'$$

and

$$F_{1'2} = \varphi'_1 \varphi_2^{-1}, \quad s = \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{1}{u' - iv'} = \frac{u' + iv'}{u'^2 + v'^2}$$

We see that the function F is not only bijection but the smooth function, and inverse function is smooth too. Hence F is diffeomorphism.

7 Show that the special linear group $SL(2) = \left\{ g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{R}, \det g = 1 \right\}$ has a natural structure of a differentiable manifold of dimension 3.

Consider \mathbf{R}^4 with coordinates (a, b, c, d) . The group $SL(2)$ is defined as the set S of the points in \mathbf{R}^4 which obeys the equation $F(a, b, c, d) = ad - bc = 1$. Consider derivative matrix of this function:

$$\left(\frac{\partial F(a, b, c, d)}{\partial a}, \frac{\partial F(a, b, c, d)}{\partial b}, \frac{\partial F(a, b, c, d)}{\partial c}, \frac{\partial F(a, b, c, d)}{\partial d} \right) = (d, c, b, a) =$$

This matrix contains one row—vector. Its rank is equal to 1 if this vector is not equal to zero. We have to check that at the points of S where $ad - bc = 1$ the vector $(a, b, c, d) \neq 0$.

At the points where $a \neq 0$ the vector $(a, b, c, d) \neq 0$. At the points of S where $a = 0$ then $cd = 1$ because $ad - bc = 1$. If $cd = 1$ then $c \neq 0$, hence vector $(a, b, c, d) \neq 0$.

We show that at all points of the set S defined by the equation $ad - bc = 1$ the matrix of derivatives has rank 1. Hence according to Theorem S is a smooth manifold of dimension $4 - 1 = 3$.

8* Show that the special unitary group $SU(2)$

$$SU(2) = \left\{ g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{C}, g^{-1} = g^+, \det g = 1 \right\}$$

has a natural structure of a differentiable manifold of dimension 3. Show that this manifold is diffeomorphic to S^3 . (Recall that g^+ is the matrix which is hermitian conjugate to the matrix g : if $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, then

$$g^+ = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a} & \bar{c} \\ \bar{b} & \bar{d} \end{pmatrix})$$

If matrix g is equal to $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ and its determinant is equal to 1 then

$$g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } g^+ = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a} & \bar{c} \\ \bar{b} & \bar{d} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence we see that for complex numbers a, b, c, d $d = \bar{a}$, $c = -\bar{b}$. Hence

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -\bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

where a, b are complex numbers such that $\det g = a\bar{a} + b\bar{b} = 1$. Denote $a = x + iy$, $b = z + it$ we come to

$$\det g = 1 = a\bar{a} + b\bar{b} = (x + iy)(x - iy) + (z + it)(z - it) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2$$

We see that $SU(2)$ is a set of points in \mathbf{R}^4 obeying the equation $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2 = 1$. This is S^3 .

9* Show that the configuration space of solid body with a fixed point can be identified with the special orthogonal group $SO(3)$. (The group $SO(3)$ is a group of 3×3 real orthogonal matrices with determinant 1, i.e., it is the group of matrices which preserve scalar product and orientation in \mathbf{R}^3 .)

Take any orthogonal frame fixed with body. The position of the body is a linear transformation of this frame. This linear transformation preserves length, hence it preserves scalar product, i.e. it is orthogonal transformation:

$$A^+ = A$$

If transformation is orthogonal its determinant is equal to 1 (preserving orientation), or -1 (changing orientation). Any transformation $\gamma(t)$ can be smoothly connected with identity transformation $\gamma(t)|_{t=0}$. $\det(\gamma(t))$ is continuous function. Hence $\det \gamma(t) = 1$. We see that configuration space can be identified with $SO(3)$

10[†] *Show that the projective space $\mathbf{R}P^3$ is diffeomorphic to $SO(3)$.*

We know that any orthogonal transformation preserving orientation is a rotation on a given angle around a given axis...