

Math 641  
Homework 5  
Solutions

1. (a) We recall the formula for expansion by minors:

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{kj} (-1)^{k+j} M_{kj}$$

where  $M_{ij}$  is the determinant of the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix obtained from  $A$  by deleting the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column. Note that, in the notation of the problem,  $a_{ij} = (a_i)_j$ . To find  $\partial(\det A) / \partial a_{ij}$ , let

$$A(t) = A + te_{ij}$$

where  $e_{ij}$  is the matrix with  $a_{ij} = 1$  and all other entries zero. It is easy to see that

$$\det(A)(t) = \det A + t(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$$

so

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a_{ij}} (\det A) = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}.$$

Now let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a tangent vector in  $T_A(\mathbb{R}^n \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  and set  $(x_i)_j = x_{ij}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(\det A)(x) &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n x_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial a_{ij}} (\det A) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} x_{ij} M_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} (x_i)_j M_{ij} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

as claimed.

- (b) It suffices to show that  $d(\det)$  has full rank (i.e., rank one) for each  $A \in SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ , and to do this it suffices to exhibit  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

with  $d(\det A)(x) \neq 0$ . For  $A = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  let  $x = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and compute

$$\begin{aligned} d(\det)_A(a_1, \dots, a_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \det \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= n \det A \\ &= n. \end{aligned}$$

It now follows from the Implicit Function Theorem that  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a smooth submanifold of codimension one, hence of dimension  $n^2 - 1$ .

2. Let  $R : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  by  $R(x) = -x$ . Then  $R$  is an isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  since for any  $u, v \in T_x \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle dR_x(u), dR_x(v) \rangle_{T_x \mathbb{R}^{n+1}} &= \langle -u, -v \rangle_{T_x \mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \\ &= \langle u, v \rangle_{T_x \mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \\ &= \langle u, v \rangle_{T_x \mathbb{R}^{n+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

The antipodal map on  $S^n$  is a restriction of  $R$  to  $S^n$  and so is also an isometry. To see this, note that the identification map  $i : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  is an isometry (by definition of the induced metric!) and the restriction of  $R$  to  $S^n$  is given by  $R_0 = i^{-1} \circ R \circ i$ . The induced metric is given, for  $p \in S^n$ , by

$$\langle u, v \rangle_p = \langle (di)(u), (di)(v) \rangle_{i(p)}.$$

If  $p \in S^n$  and  $u, v \in T_p S^n$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle dR_0(u), dR_0(v) \rangle_{R_0(p)} &= \left\langle \left( (di)^{-1} \circ R \circ di \right) (u), \left( (di)^{-1} \circ R \circ di \right) (v) \right\rangle_{R_0(p)} \\ &= \langle (R \circ di)(u), (R \circ di)(v) \rangle_{R(p)} \\ &= \langle di(u), di(v) \rangle_{i(p)} \\ &= \langle u, v \rangle_p \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $R_0$  is an isometry of  $S^n$ .

Now suppose that  $p \in P(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and let  $\pi : S^n \rightarrow P(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the canonical projection. The map  $\pi$  is a local diffeomorphism so that if  $q \in \pi^{-1}(p)$  then  $d\pi_q$  is an isomorphism of vector spaces. We wish to define, for  $u, v \in T_p P(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\langle u, v \rangle_p = \langle d\pi^{-1}(u), d\pi^{-1}(v) \rangle_q$$

and we need to show that the definition is independent of the choice of  $q$ . Suppose that  $\pi^{-1}(p) = \{q_1, q_2\}$  and define mappings  $\pi_1 : U_1 \rightarrow P(\mathbb{R}^n)$

and  $\pi_2 : U_2 \rightarrow P(\mathbb{R}^n)$  where  $U_1$  is a neighborhood of  $q_1$  in  $S^n$ ,  $U_2$  is a neighborhood of  $q_2$  in  $S^n$ , and the neighborhoods are so chosen that  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are local diffeomorphisms. Then  $\pi_1^{-1} \circ \pi_2 = R_0$  on  $\pi_2^{-1}(U_2 \cap \pi(U_1))$  and  $\pi_1^{-1} \circ \pi_2(q_2) = R_0(q) = q_1$ . We compute, for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $T_p P(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle d\pi_1^{-1}(u), d\pi_1^{-1}(v) \rangle_{q_1} &= \langle d(\pi_1^{-1} \circ \pi_2) \circ d\pi_2^{-1}(u), d(\pi_1^{-1} \circ \pi_2) \circ d\pi_2^{-1}(v) \rangle_{q_1} \\ &= \langle dR_0 \circ d\pi_2^{-1}(u), dR_0 \circ d\pi_2^{-1}(v) \rangle_{q_1} \\ &= \langle d\pi_2^{-1}(u), d\pi_2^{-1}(v) \rangle_{q_2} \end{aligned}$$

so that the definition is indeed independent of the choice of representative in  $\pi^{-1}(p)$ .

Finally we show that the projection map  $\pi$  is a local isometry. We compute, for  $q \in S^n$  and  $u$  and  $v$  in  $T_q S^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle d\pi(u), d\pi(v) \rangle_{\pi(q)} &= \langle d\pi^{-1}(d\pi(u)), d\pi^{-1}(d\pi(v)) \rangle_q \\ &= \langle u, v \rangle_q \end{aligned}$$

(the first equality follows from the definition of the metric on  $P(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ). This shows that  $\pi$  is a local isometry.

3. We'll use the global coordinate map

$$\mathbf{x} : (x, y) \mapsto g_{x,y}$$

to parametrize  $g$ , where

$$g_{x,y} = \{t \mapsto yt + x\}.$$

First we compute the group law for  $G$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} g_{(x,y)} \circ g_{(x',y')} &= t \mapsto y(y't + x') + x \\ &= t \mapsto yy't + (yx' + x) \end{aligned}$$

the law of composition on  $G$  (viewed in the global coordinates) is

$$(x, y) \circ (x', y') = (yx' + x, yy').$$

The identity element is  $(0, 1)$  since

$$(x, y) \circ (0, 1) = (x, y)$$

The inverse of an element  $(x, y)$  is then

$$(x, y)^{-1} = (-x/y, y^{-1}).$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y), (x', y') &\mapsto (yx' + x, yy') \\ (x, y) &\mapsto (-x/y, y^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

define smooth maps. Thus left translation is given by

$$(\mathbf{x}^{-1} \circ L_{(x',y')} \circ \mathbf{x})(x, y) = (y'x + x', y'y)$$

and the Jacobian matrix of the map  $(\mathbf{x}^{-1} \circ L_{(x',y')} \circ \mathbf{x})$  at  $(x, y)$  is given by

$$d(\mathbf{x}^{-1} \circ L_{(x',y')} \circ \mathbf{x})_{(x',y')} (u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} y' & 0 \\ 0 & y' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) In what follows we let  $\partial/\partial x|_{(x,y)} = d\mathbf{x}(e_1)$  and  $\partial/\partial y|_{(x,y)} = d\mathbf{x}(e_2)$ . For

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_{(0,1)} + u_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_{(0,1)} \\ v &= v_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_{(0,1)} + v_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_{(0,1)} \end{aligned}$$

let us set  $\langle u, v \rangle_e = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2$ . We define a left-invariant metric by setting

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)} = \langle dL_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)^{-1}}(u), dL_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)^{-1}}(v) \rangle_e.$$

If now

$$u = u_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x,y)} + u_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x,y)} \tag{1}$$

$$v = v_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x,y)} + v_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_{(x,y)} \tag{2}$$

we have

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)} = \langle dL_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)^{-1}}(u), dL_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)^{-1}}(v) \rangle_e$$

so it suffices to compute

$$d(\mathbf{x}^{-1} \circ L_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)^{-1}} \circ \mathbf{x}) = d(\mathbf{x}^{-1} \circ L_{\mathbf{x}(-x/y, y^{-1})} \circ \mathbf{x})$$

which is a linear mapping with matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} y^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

so that if  $u$  is given by (1) then

$$dL_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)^{-1}}(u) = y^{-1} \left( u_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_{(0,1)} + u_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_{(0,1)} \right)$$

and similarly

$$dL_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)^{-1}}(v) = y^{-1} \left( v_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Big|_{(0,1)} + v_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big|_{(0,1)} \right)$$

so that

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)} = y^{-2} (u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2).$$

Observe that this quadratic form is invariant under orthogonal transformations (rotations) in the coordinates..

- (b) Suppose that  $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a smooth map that preserves the upper half-plane. Then  $h$  induces a smooth map  $H$  from  $G$  to itself by

$$H = \mathbf{x} \circ h \circ \mathbf{x}^{-1}$$

and the matrix of  $dH_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)}$  with respect to the coordinate basis is the Jacobian matrix of the mapping  $h$ . If  $h$  is defined by a holomorphic mapping  $f$  of the complex plane, i.e.,

$$h(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $z = x + iy$ , and  $f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ , the Jacobian matrix of  $h$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} u_x(x, y) & u_y(x, y) \\ v_x(x, y) & v_y(x, y) \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} u_x(x, y) & u_y(x, y) \\ -u_y(x, y) & u_x(x, y) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sqrt{u_x(x, y)^2 + u_y(x, y)^2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta(x, y) & \sin \theta(x, y) \\ -\sin \theta(x, y) & \cos \theta(x, y) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= |f'(z)| R_\theta \end{aligned}$$

where in the first step we used the Cauchy-Riemann equations, in the second step we set

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta(x, y) &= \frac{u_x(x, y)}{\sqrt{u_x(x, y)^2 + u_y(x, y)^2}} \\ \sin \theta(x, y) &= \frac{u_y(x, y)}{\sqrt{u_x(x, y)^2 + u_y(x, y)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

and in the last step  $R_\theta$  is the rotation matrix on the second line. It follows that, for any such map  $f$  that preserves the upper half-plane, any point  $p = \mathbf{x}(x, y)$  in  $G$ , and any tangent vectors  $u$  and  $v$  belonging to  $T_p G$ ,

$$\langle dh(u), dh(v) \rangle_{h(\mathbf{x}(x,y))} = \langle dh(u), dh(v) \rangle_{\mathbf{x}(H(x,y))}$$

The matrix of  $dh$  with respect to the coordinate vector fields is the Jacobian matrix of  $H$  (which is a rotation and a dilation by  $|f'(z)|$ ) so that if  $u$  and  $v$  are given by (1) and (2) we have

$$\langle dh(u), dh(v) \rangle_{\mathbf{x}(H(x,y))} = \frac{|f'(z)|^2 (u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2)}{(\operatorname{Im} f(z))^2}$$

if  $z = x + iy$ .

Now consider the map

$$f(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \tag{3}$$

where  $a, b, c, d$  are real numbers with  $ad - bc = 1$  and note that

$$|f'(z)|^2 = \frac{1}{|cz + d|^2}$$

while

$$\operatorname{Im} f(z) = \frac{\operatorname{Im}(z)}{|cz + d|^2}.$$

It follows that if  $h$  is induced by (3) then

$$\frac{|f'(z)|^2}{(\operatorname{Im} f(z))^2} = \frac{1}{\operatorname{Im}(z)^2}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \langle dh(u), dh(v) \rangle_{h(\mathbf{x}(x,y))} &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{Im}(z)^2} (u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2) \\ &= \langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbf{x}(x,y)} \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $h$  is an isometry.