

Exercises 6

1)

Let the spheres S^1 , S^3 and the Lie groups $\mathrm{SO}(n)$, $\mathrm{O}(n)$, $\mathrm{SU}(n)$, $\mathrm{U}(n)$ be equipped with their standard differentiable structures prove the following diffeomorphisms

$$S^1 \cong \mathrm{SO}(2), \quad S^3 \cong \mathrm{SU}(2), \\ \mathrm{SO}(n) \times \mathrm{O}(1) \cong \mathrm{O}(n), \quad \mathrm{SU}(n) \times \mathrm{U}(1) \cong \mathrm{U}(n).$$

2)

Prove that the matrices

$$X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

form a basis for the tangent space $T_e \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ of the real special linear group $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ at the neutral element e . For each $k = 1, 2, 3$ find an explicit formula for the curve $\gamma_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ given by

$$\gamma_k : s \mapsto \mathrm{Exp}(sX_k).$$

3)

Suppose that $A = (a_j^i)$ and $B = (b_j^i)$ are $n \times n$ real matrices and

$$X_A = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^n a_j^i x_i^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j^k}, \quad X_B = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^n b_j^i x_i^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j^k}$$

are the corresponding left invariant vector fields on $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. Show that

$$[X_A, X_B] = X_{[A, B]}, \quad \text{where } [A, B] = AB - BA.$$
