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② Invariance of domain

Thm. U open in \mathbb{R}^n

$h: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ embedding

$\Rightarrow h(U)$ open in \mathbb{R}^n .

Cor. $M =$ compact n -manifold*

$N =$ connected n -man

Any embedding $M \rightarrow N$

is surjective, hence a homeo.

every pt has a nbd homeo
to \mathbb{R}^n . + Haus.

Pf of Cor.

$h(M)$ closed in N (compact in Haus.)

Since N connected, suffices to show

$h(M)$ open in N .

Let $x \in M$, Choose nbd $V \cong \mathbb{R}^n$
of $h(x) \in N$.
open

Choose open nbd U of x in $h^{-1}(V)$
homeo to \mathbb{R}^n .

But $h|_U$ is an embedding (restr. of embed)

$\Rightarrow h(U)$ open by Thm. $\Rightarrow h(M)$ open

\uparrow in V , hence N .

□

③ Division Algebras

An algebra over \mathbb{R} is \mathbb{R}^n with bilin. mult.

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac \text{ etc...}$$

It's a division alg if

$ax=b$ always solvable for $a \neq 0$ (no zero divisors).

Examples. \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}

Thm. \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C} are only finite dim algebras over \mathbb{R} that are commutative and have id.

Pf that any such alg has $\dim \leq 2$:

Define $f: S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ by $f(x) = X^2/|x|^2$

\leadsto induced map $\bar{f}: \mathbb{R}P^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$
well def: no 0 divisors!

Claim \bar{f} injective.

Pf $\bar{f}(x) = \bar{f}(y) \Rightarrow x^2 = \alpha y^2$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - \alpha^2 y^2 = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{commut.}} (x + \alpha y)(x - \alpha y) = 0$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{no 0 dir}} x = \pm \alpha y \Rightarrow x = y$ in $\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ \square

\bar{f} inj on compact Haus. \rightarrow embedding.

Cor $\Rightarrow \bar{f}$ homeo. $\Rightarrow n \leq 2$. $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{use } \mathbb{R}P_1 \\ \text{or } H_1 \\ \text{or } H_{n-1} \end{array} \right)$

Some more algebra to finish the thm. \square

④ Hairy ball thm (Can't comb a monkey)

Thm. S^n has a continuous field of nowhere \emptyset tangent vectors iff n odd.



$$n \text{ odd: } v(x_1, \dots, x_{2k}) \\ = (-x_2, x_1, \dots, -x_{2k}, x_{2k-1})$$

Tool: Degree

$$f: S^n \rightarrow S^n \rightsquigarrow f_*: H_n(S^n) \rightarrow H_n(S^n) \\ \alpha \mapsto d\alpha$$

" \mathbb{Z}

$d = \text{degree of } f.$

Facts. (i) $\deg \text{id} = 1$

(ii) $\deg f = 0$ if f not surj.

(iii) $\deg f = \deg g \iff f \simeq g.$
 $\implies \text{Hopf.}$

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Pf. \implies Let $v(x) = \text{vect. field on } S^n$.

$\rightsquigarrow v(x) \perp x$ in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} .

$v(x) \neq 0 \forall x \implies$ can replace $v(x)$

with $v(x)/|v(x)|$

$\implies (\cos t)x + (\sin t)v(x)$ is a unit S^1 in $xv(x)$ plane

is a homotopy from id ($t=0$)

to antipodal map ($t=\pi$)

(iii) $\implies \deg \text{id} = \deg \text{antip.}$

(vi) $\implies n$ odd. \square

One more fact

(vi) If f has no fixed pts

$$\deg f = (-1)^{n+1}$$

proof: find homotopy to antip. map.
(straight line)

$$n \text{ even} \Rightarrow \ker d = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow G \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \text{ or } 1$$

□

⑤ Prop. $\mathbb{Z}/2$ is only gp that acts
freely on S^n if n even.

Pf. Say $G \subset S^n$ " $\mathbb{Z}/2$ "

$\rightsquigarrow d: G \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ homom by (iv).

Action free $\Rightarrow d(g) = (-1)^{n+1} \quad \forall g \neq \text{id.}$

by (vi)

