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## Riemannian submanifolds

**Proposition:**

**Lemma 2.11.** *Suppose  $(\widetilde{M}, \widetilde{g})$  is a Riemannian manifold with or without boundary,  $M$  is a smooth manifold with or without boundary, and  $F : M \rightarrow \widetilde{M}$  is a smooth map. The smooth 2-tensor field  $g = F^* \widetilde{g}$  is a Riemannian metric on  $M$  if and only if  $F$  is an immersion.*

► **Exercise 2.12.** Prove Lemma 2.11.

Definition. Isometric immersion/embedding

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold with/without boundary and

$$F : X \rightarrow M$$

is a smooth immersion of a smooth manifold  $X$ . Then

$$h = F^* g$$

is the **metric induced by  $F$**  on  $X$ .

If  $(X, h)$  were a Riemannian manifold, then an immersion/embedding satisfying

$$F : (X, h) \rightarrow (M, g), \quad F^* h = g$$

is called **isometric immersion/embedding**.

Definition. Riemannian submanifolds

Let

$$\iota : X \hookrightarrow M$$

is an immersed/embedded smooth submanifold (with/without boundary) of  $(M, g)$  (without boundary). Then with the induced metric on  $X$

$$h := \iota^* g$$

the Riemannian manifold  $(X, h)$  is called a **Riemannian submanifold** (with/without boundary).

In other words,  $h$  is just the metric  $g$  restricted to  $X$ .

Warning

Even if the metric is pulled back, properties like *curvature* does not commute with the pullback.

Definition. Normal bundle and normal vector fields of submanifolds

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Then

$$\iota_* : T_p X \hookrightarrow T_p M$$

gives a split into an orthogonal direct sum

$$T_p M = T_p X \oplus N_p X$$

where the **normal vector space**  $N_p X := T_p M^\perp$  contains the vectors **normal to  $X$** , that is

$$v \in N_p X \iff \forall w \in T_p X \quad g(v, w) = 0$$

The sub bundle

$$NX := \coprod_{p \in M} N_p X \leq TM$$

is called the **normal bundle of  $X$**  whose sections are **normal vector fields along  $M$** .



**Proposition 2.16 (The Normal Bundle).** *If  $\widetilde{M}$  is a Riemannian  $m$ -manifold and  $M \subseteq \widetilde{M}$  is an immersed or embedded  $n$ -dimensional submanifold with or without boundary, then  $NM$  is a smooth rank- $(m - n)$  vector subbundle of the ambient tangent bundle  $T\widetilde{M}|_M$ . There are smooth bundle homomorphisms*

$$\pi^\top : T\widetilde{M}|_M \rightarrow TM, \qquad \pi^\perp : T\widetilde{M}|_M \rightarrow NM,$$

*called the **tangential** and **normal projections**, that for each  $p \in M$  restrict to orthogonal projections from  $T_p\widetilde{M}$  to  $T_pM$  and  $N_pM$ , respectively.*

## boundary of Riemannian manifolds

Let  $(M, g)$  is a Riemannian manifold with boundary

$$\iota : \partial M \hookrightarrow M$$

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