

TD02 - Vector bundles

Exercise 1 (Sub-bundles). Let $E \rightarrow M$ be a smooth vector bundle of rank r and let $V \subset E$. We say that $V \rightarrow M$ is a *sub-bundle* of $E \rightarrow M$ of rank k if, for any $x \in M$, there exists a local trivialization $\phi : E|_U \simeq U \times \mathbb{R}^r$ of E over a neighborhood U of x such that:

$$\phi(E|_U \cap V) = U \times (\mathbb{R}^k \times \{0\}).$$

1. Check that a sub-bundle of a smooth vector bundle is a smooth vector bundle.
2. Let N be a smooth submanifold of M and let $i : N \rightarrow M$ be the inclusion. Is TN a sub-bundle of $i^*(TM)$?

Exercise 2 (Group of line bundles). 1. Let $L \rightarrow M$ be a line bundle on a smooth manifold, is $L \otimes L^* \rightarrow M$ trivial?

2. Define an abelian group structure on the set of line bundles over M up to isomorphism.

Exercise 3 (Tautological line bundle). Let $J = \{(D, x) \in \mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid x \in D\}$, we say that $J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^n$ is the *tautological line bundle* over $\mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^n$.

1. Check that J is a sub-bundle of $\mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ of rank 1. Is it trivial?
2. Let $L = J^*$, check that an homogeneous polynomial P of degree d in $(n+1)$ variables defines a global section of $L^{\otimes d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^n$.
3. For which $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ is $L^{\otimes d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^n$ trivial?

Exercise 4 (Line bundles on the sphere). 1. What are the line bundles over \mathbb{S}^1 up to isomorphism? Which one is $T\mathbb{S}^1$?

2. Describe the group structure defined in exercise 2 when $M = \mathbb{S}^1$.
3. What are the line bundles over \mathbb{S}^n up to isomorphism when $n \geq 2$?