

## 1. Lee 3-6 [Second Edition]

Consider  $\mathbb{S}^3$  as the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  under the usual identification  $\mathbb{C}^2 \leftrightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ . For each  $z = (z^1, z^2) \in \mathbb{S}^3$ , define a curve  $\gamma_z : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^3$  by  $\gamma_z(t) = (e^{it}z^1, e^{it}z^2)$ . Show that  $\gamma_z$  is a smooth curve whose velocity is never zero.

## 2. Lee 4-6 [Second Edition]

Let  $M$  be a nonempty smooth compact manifold. Show that there is no smooth submersion  $F : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  for any  $k > 0$ . A submersion is a smooth map whose differential is surjective.

## 3. Lee 5-1 [Second Edition]

Consider the map  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  defined by

$$\Phi(x, y, s, t) = (x^2 + y, x^2 + y^2 + s^2 + t^2 + y).$$

Show that  $(0, 1)$  is a regular value of  $\Phi$  in the sense of multivariable calculus. *(It turns out that the level set  $\Phi^{-1}(0, 1)$  is diffeomorphic to  $S^2$ , but this is surprisingly painful to prove, so I won't ask you to do this.)*

## 4. Lee 5-10 [Second Edition]

For each  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $M_a$  be the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by

$$M_a = \{(x, y) \mid y^2 = x(x-1)(x-a)\}.$$

For which values of  $a$  is  $M_a$  an embedded submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? *For which values can  $M_a$  be given a topology and smooth structure making it into an immersed submanifold? You don't need to give a rigorous proof for the  $a$  values which don't produce embedded submanifolds; this is surprisingly painful.*

\* Which problems provided a worthwhile learning experience? How many hours did you spend on it?