

§ Smooth submanifolds

A manifold P is a submanifold of a manifold M provided :

1. P is a subset of M , and the inclusion map $j : P \rightarrow M$ is smooth
2. The differential maps of j are injective (that is , $(dj)(v) = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0$)
3. P is a topological subspace of M (that is , P has the relative topology)

For a submanifold P , it is customary to ignore dj and consider $T_p(P)$ to be a vector subspace of $T_p(M)$.

If P has dimension one less $n = \dim M$ it is called a hypersurface of M .

Spherical coordinates

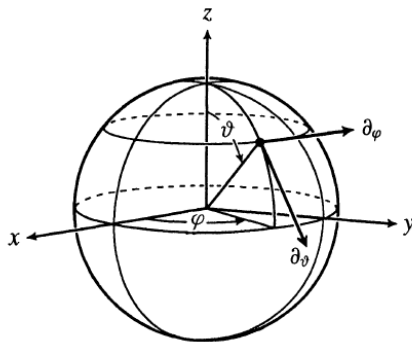


FIGURE 1.11. Spherical coordinates θ, φ on the unit 2-sphere.

Let S^2 be the sphere of unit radius in R^3 . Then spherical coordinates of R^3 restricted to S^2 give coordinates θ, φ on S^2 .

§ Foliations 葉理 岩石中的纖維狀組織

A distribution (平面場) Π of dimension k on a smooth manifold M is a smooth field of tangent k -planes on M .

A submanifold P of M such that $T_p(P) = \Pi_p$ for all $p \in P$ is called an integral manifold of Π . If through every point of M there is a integral manifold , then Π is integrable .

We say that a vector field V is in a distribution Π if $V_p \in \Pi_p$ for all $p \in M$

§ Frobenius Theorem

A distribution Π on M is integrable if and only if whenever vector fields X, Y are in Π , their bracket $[X, Y]$ is also in Π .