

Consider (\mathbb{R}^2, g) to be the Riemannian manifold, with metric given by

$$g = (e^{-x} + y^2 e^x) dx^2 + x y e^{-x/2} dx dy + 10(x^4 + y^4 + 5) dy^2$$

- (a) Argue that this is a Riemannian metric
 (b) Is this a complete manifold? Prove or give a reason why it would not be.

1. Smoothness

1. **Smoothness:** All components of the metric tensor $g_{11} = e^{-x} + y^2 e^x$, $g_{12} = g_{21} = \frac{1}{2} x y e^{-x/2}$, and $g_{22} = 10(x^4 + y^4 + 5)$ are smooth (infinitely differentiable) functions of x and y . Hence, g varies smoothly over \mathbb{R}^2 .

2. Symmetry

2. **Symmetry:** The metric matrix is symmetric by construction, as $g_{12} = g_{21}$.

3. Positive-definiteness

3. **Positive-Definiteness:** For a 2×2 matrix, this requires $g_{11} > 0$ and $\det(g) = g_{11}g_{22} - g_{12}^2 > 0$ everywhere.

- $g_{11} > 0$: $e^{-x} + y^2 e^x$ is always positive since $e^{-x} > 0$, $y^2 e^x \geq 0$, and their sum cannot be zero.
- $g_{22} > 0$: $10(x^4 + y^4 + 5) \geq 50$, which is strictly positive.
- **Determinant:** Compute $\det(g) = 10(x^4 + y^4 + 5)(e^{-x} + y^2 e^x) - \frac{1}{4} x^2 y^2 e^{-x}$. Testing critical points (e.g., $x = 0$, $y = 0$, large x/y , negative x) shows $\det(g) > 0$. For instance:
 - At $(0, 0)$, $\det(g) = 1 \cdot 50 - 0 = 50$.
 - For large $|x|$ or $|y|$, the dominant terms in $\det(g)$ grow faster than the subtracted term, ensuring positivity.

The given g is a Riemannian metric because it is smooth, symmetric and positive-definite everywhere on \mathbb{R}^2 .

To determine if the Riemannian manifold (\mathbb{R}^2, g) is complete, we use the fact that a manifold is complete if every divergent curve has infinite length. A critical example is the curve $\gamma(t) = (t, 0)$ for $t \in [0, \infty)$, which diverges as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Analysis of the curve:

- The metric components along the x -axis ($y = 0$) reduce to $g_{11} = e^{-x}$, $g_{12} = 0$, and $g_{22} = 10(x^4 + 5)$.
- The length of $\gamma(t)$ is computed as:

$$\text{Length}(\gamma) = \int_0^\infty \sqrt{g_{11} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2} dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-t/2} dt = 2 < \infty.$$

This finite length for a divergent curve implies the manifold is **metrically incomplete**.