

Exercises:

1. Show that in a topological group, the connected component of the identity is a normal subgroup.
2. Show that the action of the group $SO(n, \mathbb{R})$ on the sphere S^{n-1} given by matrix multiplication is transitive. You need to employ the Gram-Schmidt theorem to complete a given unit vector to an orthonormal basis.
3. Suppose a group G acts transitively on a set S and x, y are a pair of points in S and $y = gx$. Then the subgroups $\text{stab } x$ and $\text{stab } y$ are conjugates and $g^{-1}(\text{stab } y)g = \text{stab } x$.
 - (i) Show that the map $\bar{\phi} : G/\text{stab } x \rightarrow S$ given by $\bar{\phi}(\bar{g}) = gx$ is well-defined, bijective and $\bar{\phi} \circ \eta = \phi$.
 - (ii) Suppose that S is a topological space, G is a topological group and the action $G \times S \rightarrow S$ is continuous. Show that the map $\bar{\phi}$ is continuous.
 - (iii) Deduce that if G is compact and S is Hausdorff then $G/\text{stab } x$ and S are homeomorphic.
4. Examine whether the map $\phi : SU(n) \times S^1 \rightarrow U(n)$ given by $\phi(A, z) = zA$ is a homeomorphism.
5. Show that the group of all unitary matrices $U(n)$ is compact and connected. Regarding $U(n-1)$ as a subgroup of $U(n)$ in a natural way, recognize the quotient space as a familiar space.
6. Show that the subgroups $SU(n)$ consisting of matrices in $U(n)$ with determinant one are connected for every n .
7. Suppose G is a topological group and H is a normal subgroup, prove that G/H is Hausdorff if and only if H is closed.