

Math 8301, Manifolds and Topology  
Homework 1  
Due in-class on **Friday, Sep 12**

1. Prove that any open subset of a manifold is a manifold.
2. Prove that the product of an  $n$ -dimensional manifold with an  $m$ -dimensional manifold is an  $(n + m)$ -dimensional manifold.
3. For  $A > a$ , a torus of major radius  $A$  and minor radius  $a$  is defined by the equation

$$z^2 + \left[ \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - A \right]^2 = a^2$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Use cylindrical coordinates to show that this is homeomorphic to the quotient of the space  $[0, 2\pi] \times [0, 2\pi]$  by the identifications  $(\theta, 0) \sim (\theta, 2\pi)$  and  $(0, \phi) \sim (2\pi, \phi)$ . (Hint: Use the “continuous bijection from compact to Hausdorff” criterion as we did for  $S^1$ .)

4. (After Monday’s lecture) For each value of  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , decide whether the space

$$\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid xyz = t\}$$

is a manifold, and explain why or why not.

5. (After Monday’s lecture) For which values of  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  is the space

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + xy + ty^2 = 1\}$$

a *compact* manifold?