MAT 531

Geometry/Topology II

Introduction to Smooth Manifolds

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$$D = span \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\ell} \right\}.$$

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