

## Re: Looking for a surjection or $\mathbb{R}^2$

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In article <4488be04\$0\$7763\$7a628cd7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Denis Feldmann <[denis.feldmann.asupprimer@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:denis.feldmann.asupprimer@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

I am looking for a smooth surjection of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  onto itself, not bijective, with jacobian everywhere not zero. My best example so far is an holomorphic function (with the obvious isomorphism between  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) like the antiderivative of  $\exp(z^2)$  (which is surjective by Picard theorem), but I would like something simpler, more explicit, and where the proof of surjectivity uses only elementary calculations...

Let  $f$  be any smooth function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(y) = 0$  if  $y \leq 0$ ,  $f' \leq 0$  on  $[0, \pi]$ ,  $f' \geq 0$  on  $[\pi, 2\pi]$ ,  $f(2\pi) < 0$ , and  $f(y) = f(2\pi)$  for  $y \geq 2\pi$ . Writing  $z = x + iy$ , define  $F(z) = e^z + f(y)$ . Then the Jacobian of  $F$  at  $x + iy$  is  $e^{2x} - e^x \sin(y) f'(y)$ , which = 0 iff  $e^x = \sin(y) f'(y)$ . The right hand side is always  $\leq 0$ , so the equation cannot be satisfied. Therefore the Jacobian of  $F$  is never 0.  $F$  is surjective because below the  $x$ -axis it maps onto  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , and on the line  $y = 2\pi$  it is the function  $e^x + f(2\pi)$ ; because  $f(2\pi) < 0$ , this function takes on the value 0.

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