

**Exercises:**

1. Show that the sphere  $S^3$  is isomorphic (as a topological group) to  $SU(2, \mathbb{C})$ .
2. Show that the center of the group of non-zero quaternions is the set of non-zero real numbers. In the light of this explain why  $\ker D\psi(1)$  in lemma (22.6) is non-trivial.
3. Explain why the map  $\phi$  defined in theorem (22.8) is bijective.
4. Verify the properties of the map  $T_A$  in the proof of theorem (22.10). Also fill in the details concerning the properties of the map  $\phi$  (except for the claims made concerning its derivative).
5. Use exercise 4 to find a generator of  $\pi_1(SO(3, \mathbb{R}))$ . Let

$i : SO(2, \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow SO(3, \mathbb{R})$  be given by

$$A \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A \in SO(2, \mathbb{R}).$$

Show that  $i_* : \pi_1(SO(2, \mathbb{R})) \longrightarrow \pi_1(SO(3, \mathbb{R}))$  is surjective.