

Lecture 7:

Elements of differential geometry and topology (short basics)

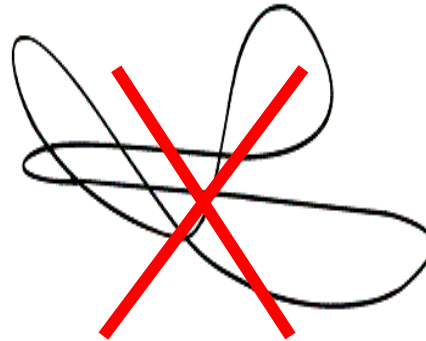
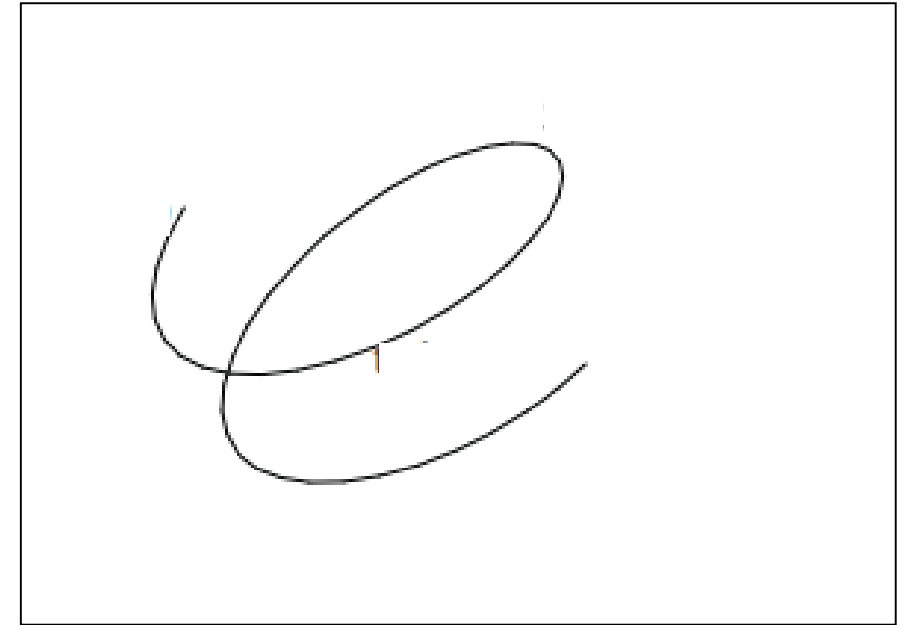
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Curves

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_p(t) \end{pmatrix} - \text{smooth mapping: } t \in (a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$$

$\Gamma = \{\mathbf{X}(t), a < t < b\}$ - a curve in \mathbb{R}^p ,

$\mathbf{X}(t)$ - curve parameterization by parameter t (time)



The curve Γ has intrinsic dimension $q = 1$

$t' = \varphi(t)$: **smooth one-to-one** mapping from (a, b) to $(a' = \varphi(a), b' = \varphi(b))$ $\varphi'(t) \neq 0$

$$\Gamma = \{\mathbf{X}(t), a < t < b\} = \{\mathbf{X}(\varphi^{-1}(t')), a' < t' < b'\} = \{\mathbf{X}'(t'), a' < t' < b'\}$$

- curve reparameterization

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(s) = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1(s) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_p(s) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t)}{\partial t}(s) \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t)}{\partial t} \neq 0, a < t < b, \text{ - regular curve}$$

Curve regularity does not depend on parameterization

$$t' = \varphi(t) \quad \rightarrow \quad t = \varphi^{-1}(t'), \quad \mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{X}(\varphi^{-1}(t')) = \mathbf{X}'(t')$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{X}'(t')}{\partial t'} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(\varphi^{-1}(t'))}{\partial t'} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t)}{\partial t}(\varphi^{-1}(t')) \times \left(\frac{\partial \varphi(t)}{\partial t}(\varphi^{-1}(t')) \right)^{-1} \neq 0$$

$$L(\Gamma) = \int_a^b |\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t)| dt \text{ - curve length}$$

Curve length does not depend on parameterization

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a'}^{b'} |\dot{\mathbf{X}}'(t')| dt' &= \int_{a'}^{b'} \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(\varphi^{-1}(t'))}{\partial t'} \right| dt' = \int_{a'}^{b'} \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t)}{\partial t}(\varphi^{-1}(t')) \times \left(\frac{\partial \varphi(t)}{\partial t}(\varphi^{-1}(t')) \right)^{-1} \right| dt' = \\ &= \int_a^b \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t)}{\partial t} \right| \times \left| \left(\frac{\partial \varphi(t)}{\partial t} \right)^{-1} \right| \times d\varphi(t) = \int_a^b \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t)}{\partial t} \right| \times \left| \frac{\partial \varphi(t)}{\partial t} \right|^{-1} \times \left| \frac{\partial \varphi(t)}{\partial t} \right| dt = \int_a^b |\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t)| dt \end{aligned}$$

$s = \varphi(t)$ - natural parameter, $a' = \varphi(a)$, $b' = \varphi(b)$

$\mathbf{r}(s) = \mathbf{X}(\varphi^{-1}(s))$ - natural parameterization, $a' < s < b'$

$$\Gamma = \{\mathbf{r}(s), 0 < s < L(\Gamma)\} \quad |\dot{\mathbf{r}}(s)| = 1$$

$\dot{\mathbf{r}}(s)$ - tangent vector to the curve Γ at the point $\mathbf{r}(s)$

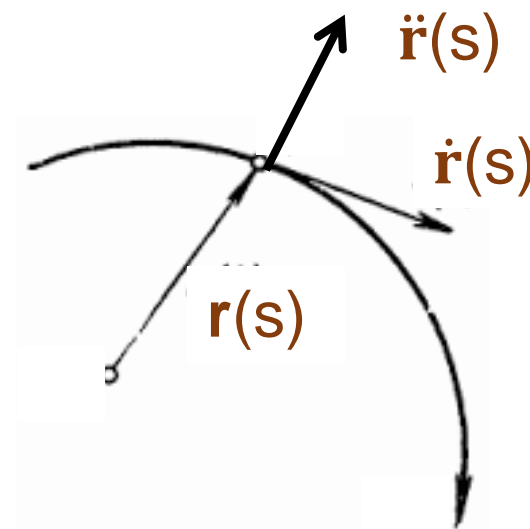
$$|\dot{\mathbf{r}}(s)|^2 = (\dot{\mathbf{r}}(s), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(s)) = 1$$

$$(\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(s), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(s)) + (\dot{\mathbf{r}}(s), \ddot{\mathbf{r}}(s)) = 0 \quad (\dot{\mathbf{r}}(s), \ddot{\mathbf{r}}(s)) = 0$$

$k(s) = |\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(s)|$ - curvature of the curve Γ at the point $\mathbf{r}(s)$

$\mathbf{n}(s) = \ddot{\mathbf{r}}(s) / |\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(s)|$ - normal vector to the curve Γ at the point $\mathbf{r}(s)$

$$a' < c < d < b': \int_c^d |\dot{\mathbf{r}}(s)| ds = d - c$$

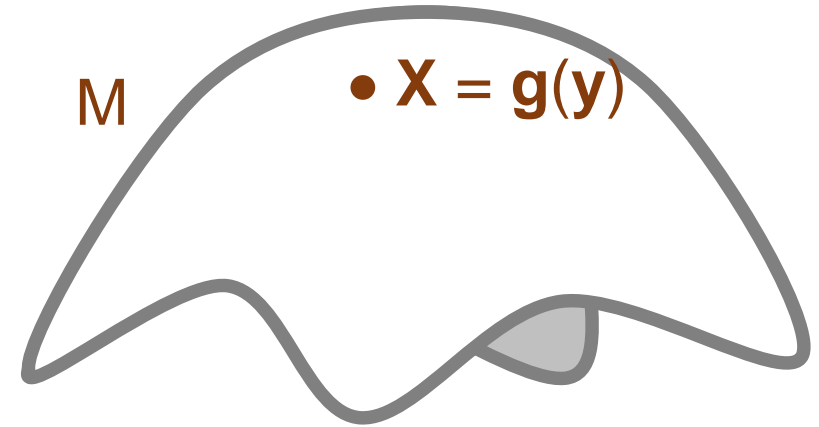


Surfaces

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_p \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1(\mathbf{y}) \\ \dots \\ g_p(\mathbf{y}) \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_q \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{Y} \subset \mathbb{R}^q, q < p, \mathbf{g}: \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p - \text{smooth mapping}$$

$M = \{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y}\}$ - q -dimensional surface in \mathbb{R}^p
parameterized by q -dimensional parameter \mathbf{y}

The surface M has intrinsic dimension q



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$\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}') = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y}) \times (\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{o}(\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{y})$ - Taylor expansion

$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y})$ - $p \times q$ Jacobian matrix of the mapping $\mathbf{g}: \mathbf{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^p$

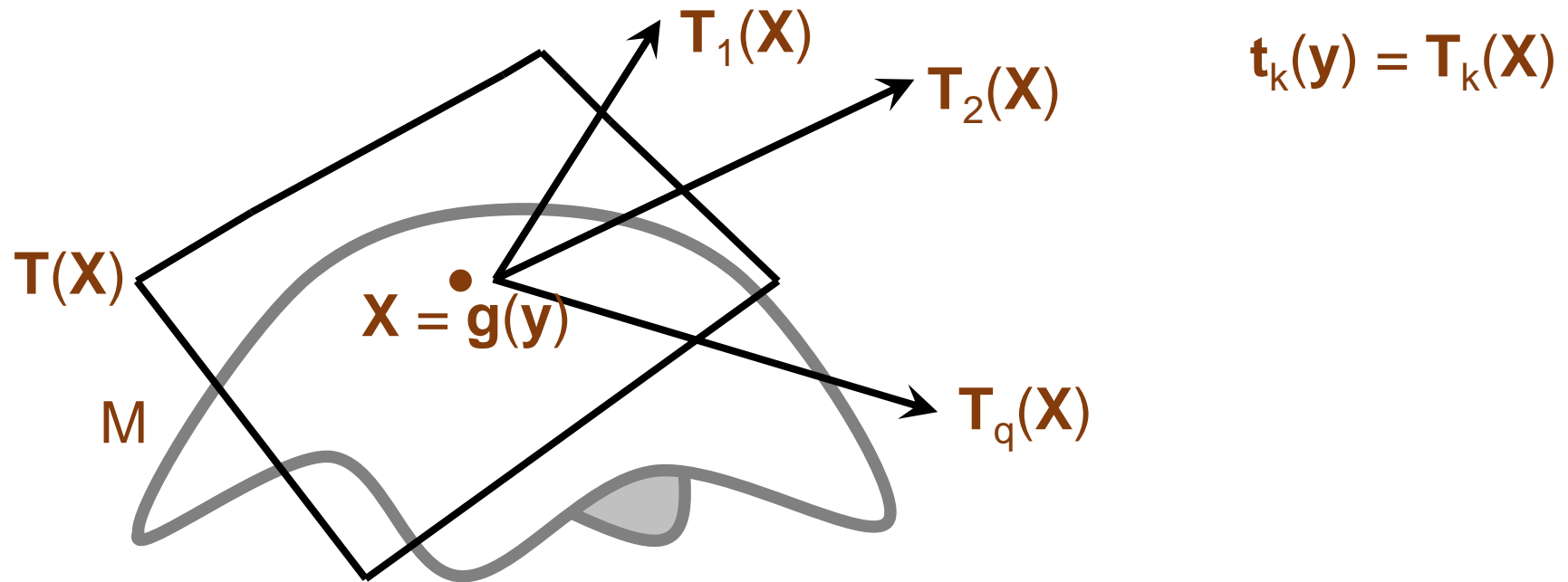
$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{t}_1(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{t}_2(\mathbf{y}), \dots, \mathbf{t}_q(\mathbf{y}))$$

$$\mathbf{t}_k(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} t_{k1}(\mathbf{y}) \\ \dots \\ t_{kq}(\mathbf{y}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad t_{kj}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{\partial g_k(\mathbf{y})}{\partial y_j}$$

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X}) = \{\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y}) \times (\mathbf{e} - \mathbf{y}) : \mathbf{e} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_q \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^q\}$$

- **q-dimensional** affine subspace in \mathbb{R}^p passing through point $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}) \in M$

$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X}) = \{\mathbf{X} + \sum_{k=1}^q \mathbf{T}_k(\mathbf{X}) \times (e_k - y_k)\}$ - tangent space to the surface M at the point $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}) \in M$

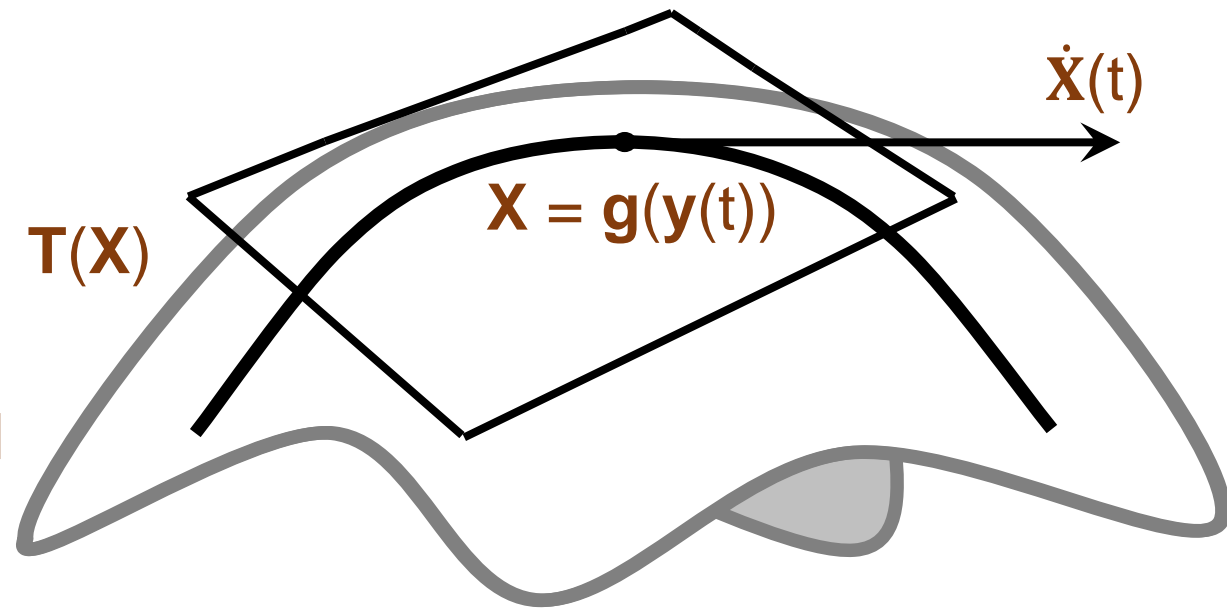


$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ \dots \\ y_q(t) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{Y}, t \in \mathbb{R}^1 - \text{smooth curve in } \mathbb{R}^q$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1(\mathbf{y}(t)) \\ \dots \\ g_p(\mathbf{y}(t)) \end{pmatrix} - \text{smooth curve in } \mathbf{M}$$

$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t)$ - tangent vector to the curve $\mathbf{X}(t)$ at the point $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}(t)$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}(t)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}(t)) \times \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y}(t)) \times \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^q \mathbf{T}_k(\mathbf{X}) \times \dot{y}_k(t) \in \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X})$$



Curve length: $L(\Gamma) = \int_a^b |\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t)| dt = \int_a^b (\dot{\mathbf{X}}^T(t) \times \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t))^{1/2} dt$

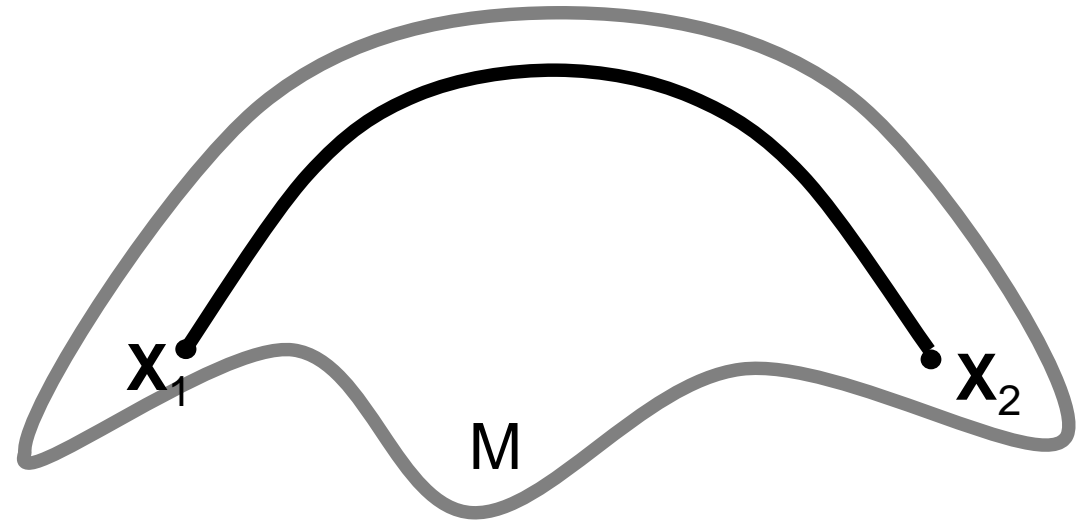
$$= \int_a^b (\dot{\mathbf{y}}^T(t) \times [\mathbf{J}^T(\mathbf{y}(t)) \times \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y}(t))] \times \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t))^{1/2} dt$$

$\mathbf{J}^T(\mathbf{y}) \times \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y})$ - $q \times q$ matrix $\rightarrow \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{J}^T(\mathbf{y}) \times \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y})$ - Riemannian (metric) tensor at point $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})$

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X}) = \left\| \left(\mathbf{T}_i(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{T}_j(\mathbf{X}) \right) \right\|$$

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$$\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2 \in M$$

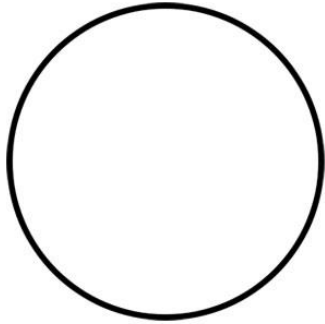


$$\Gamma = \Gamma(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) = \{\Gamma = \{\mathbf{X}(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\} \in M: \mathbf{X}(0) = \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}(1) = \mathbf{X}_2\}$$

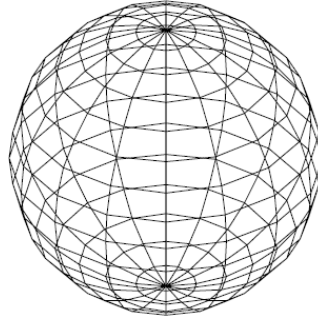
$$\Gamma^* \in \Gamma(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\Gamma \in \Gamma} L(\Gamma) \text{ - geodesic curve}$$

Manifolds

Not always sets that are subsets of P -dimensional space R^P and having an intrinsic dimension $Q < P$
can be described as Q -dimensional surfaces in R^P

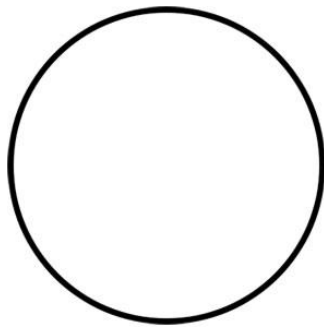


1-D sphere in 2-D

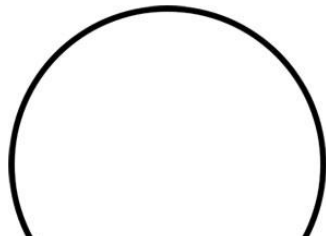


2-D sphere in 3-D

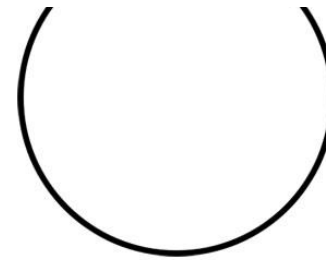
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using single mapping **g**



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each 'subsphere' can be described
using single certain mapping

$$S(p, q) = \{p \times q \text{ orthogonal matrices } M: M^T \times M = I_q\}$$

$$M = \|X_{ki}\| = (\mathbf{X}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{X}_q), \mathbf{X}_k = \begin{pmatrix} X_{k1} \\ \vdots \\ X_{kp} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^p, k = 1, 2, \dots, q$$

$$M = \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_q \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{pq} \qquad S(p, q) \subset \mathbb{R}^{pq}$$

$\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})$ - vector-function with components $\varphi_{kj}(\mathbf{X}) = (\mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{X}_j) - \delta_{kj}, 1 \leq k \leq j \leq q$

$$\text{Dim}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{X})) = q(q+1)/2 \qquad S(p, q) = \{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{pq}: \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{q(q+1)/2}\}$$

$$\text{Dim}(S(p, q)) = pq - q(q+1)/2$$

$$S(p, q) \subset \mathbb{R}^{pq}$$

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- M is not $(pq - q(q+1)/2)$ -dimensional surface in \mathbb{R}^{pq} : it can not be described by using single mapping from $\mathbb{R}^{pq-q(q+1)/2}$ to \mathbb{R}^{pq}
- Inverse function theorem: for any point $\mathbf{X}_0 \in S(p, q)$, there exists an open subset $V(\mathbf{X}_0) \subset S(p, q)$, $\mathbf{X}_0 \in V$ ($V = B(\mathbf{X}_0, \varepsilon) \cap S(p, q)$, $\varepsilon > 0$) and **smooth** mapping $\mathbf{f}: V \rightarrow \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{f}(M) \subset \mathbb{R}^{pq-q(q+1)/2}$, such that there exists smooth inverse mapping $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{f}^{-1}: \mathbf{Y} \subset \mathbb{R}^{pq-q(q+1)/2} \rightarrow V(\mathbf{X}_0) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{Y}) \subset S(p, q)$

$$V(\mathbf{X}_0) = \{\mathbf{g}(y), y \in \mathbf{Y} \subset \mathbb{R}^{pq-q(q+1)/2}\}$$

Topological space

Let X be a set whose the elements x called points can be any mathematical objects

$\Sigma = \{\Omega\}$ consists of subsets $\Omega \subset X$ called **open sets** satisfying the following properties:

- $X, \emptyset \in \Sigma$
- $\Omega, \Omega' \in \Sigma \rightarrow \Omega \cap \Omega' \in \Sigma$
- for any index set $A = \{\alpha\}$: such that $\Omega_\alpha \in \Sigma$: $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \Omega_\alpha \in \Sigma$

The set X with subsets' system Σ is called **Topological space**

If set \mathbf{X} is metric space with metric $\rho(X, X')$, consider a system $\Sigma_0 = \{B(X, \varepsilon)\}$ consisting of the balls

$$B(X, \varepsilon) = \{X' \in \mathbf{X}: \rho(X, X') < \varepsilon\}$$

for all points $X \in \mathbf{X}$ and numbers $\varepsilon > 0$

Define system $\Sigma = \{\Omega\}$ in which subsets $\Omega \subset \mathbf{X}$ are unions of the balls

A subset $\Omega \subset \mathbf{X}$ is open one if for any point $X \in \Omega$ there exists a number $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B(X, \varepsilon) \subset \Omega$

Example: $G(p, q)$ consists of all q -dimensional linear subspaces L in R^p

$L \in G(p, q)$: orthonormal vectors $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q \in R^d$ that form basis in $L = \text{Span}(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q)$

Let E - $p \times q$ basis-matrix with columns e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q : $L = \text{Span}(E)$

$L = \text{Span}(E), L' = \text{Span}(E') \in G(p, q)$: Binet-Cauchy metric $\rho_{BC}(L, L') = (1 - \text{Det}^2(E^T \times E'))^{1/2}$

Binet-Cauchy metric $\rho_{BC}(L, L')$ does not depend on choice of basis-matrices E and E' : other arbitrary basis-matrices E^* and $E^{*'}$ are: $E^* = E \times O$ and $E^{*'} = E' \times O'$, O and O' - orthogonal $q \times q$ matrices

$$\text{Det}(E^{*T} \times E^{*'}) = \text{Det}[(E \times O)^T \times (E' \times O')] = \text{Det}[O^T \times (E^T \times E') \times O'] =$$

$$\text{Det}(O^T) \times \text{Det}(E^T \times E') \times \text{Det}(O') = \text{Det}(E^T \times E')$$

$$B(L, \varepsilon) = \{L' \in G(p, q): \rho_{BC}(L, L') < \varepsilon\} - \text{open ball}$$

For point $x \in X$ such that $x \in \Omega \in \Sigma$, subset Ω is called a neighborhood of point x

Topological space (X, Σ) is called **Hausdorff space** if for any two distinct points x and x' there exist their neighborhoods Ω and Ω' , respectively such that $\Omega \cap \Omega' = \emptyset$

Let (X, Σ) and (X', Σ') be topological spaces. A mapping $f: (X, \Sigma) \rightarrow (X', \Sigma')$ is called **continuous** one if for any point $x \in X$ and arbitrary neighborhood Ω' of the point $f(x) \in X'$ there exists neighborhood Ω of the point x such that $f(\Omega) \subset \Omega'$

A continuous mapping $f: (X, \Sigma) \rightarrow (X', \Sigma')$ that has inverse mapping $f^{-1}: (X', \Sigma') \rightarrow (X, \Sigma)$, which is also continuous, is called **homeomorphism** - the mapping 'continuous in both directions'

A subset $\mathbf{M} \subset \mathbf{X}$ of Hausdorff topological space (\mathbf{X}, Σ) every point of which point $X \in \mathbf{M}$ has neighborhood \mathbf{U} that is **homeomorphic** to an open subspace $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^q$ of q -dimensional Euclidean space is called q -dimensional **manifold**

A homeomorphic mapping $h: \mathbf{U} \subset \mathbf{M} \rightarrow h(\mathbf{U}) = \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^q$

An inverse continuous mapping $g = h^{-1}: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbf{U} \subset \mathbf{M}: \mathbf{U} = \{X = g(y): y \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^q\}$

$\mathbf{U} = \{X = g(y) \in \mathbf{M}: y \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^q\}$ - q -dimensional surface

Homeomorphism h - a **coordinate chart**; a pair (\mathbf{U}, h) - a **map**

Let $A = \{\alpha\}$ - index set, $(\mathbf{U}_\alpha, h_\alpha)$ - a system of maps such that $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \Omega_\alpha = \mathbf{M}$ - a cover

A system $\{(\mathbf{U}_\alpha, h_\alpha), \alpha \in A\}$ is called **atlas**

$X \in \mathbf{M}: X \in \mathbf{U}_\alpha, h_\alpha(X) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ - local coordinates

$X \in \mathbf{M}$: $X \in U = U_1 \cap U_2$, (U_1, h_1) and (U_2, h_2) - two different maps

$X \in U$ has two different q -dimensional local coordinates: $h_1(X)$ and $h_2(X)$

$\Omega_1 = h_1(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^q$ and $\Omega_2 = h_2(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^q$

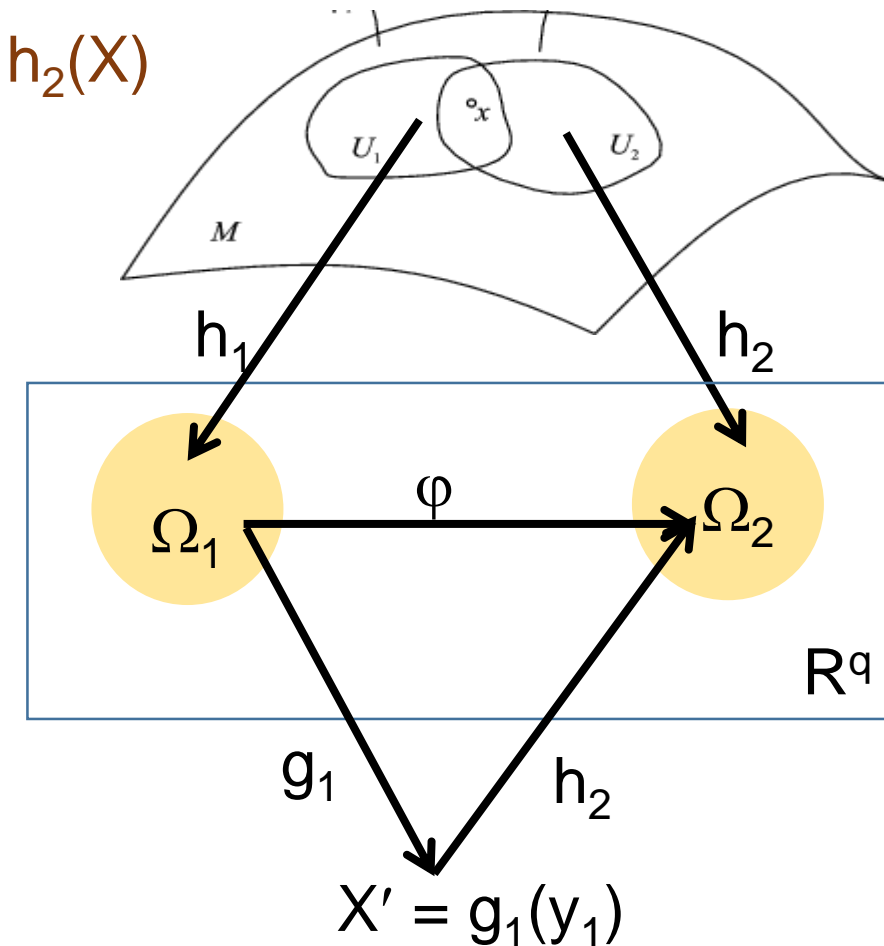
$g_1(y_1)$, $y_1 \in \Omega_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^q$ - inverse mapping to h_1

$\varphi: \Omega_1 \rightarrow \Omega_2$: $y_1 \in \Omega_1 \rightarrow y_2 = \varphi(y_1) = h_2(g_1(y_1)) \in \Omega_2$

$\varphi^{-1}(y_2) = h_1(g_2(y_2))$ - inverse mapping to φ

A q -dimensional **manifold** \mathbf{M} is called **differentiable manifold**

if the mappings φ (φ^{-1}): $\mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ are Infinitely differentiable functions (have derivatives of all orders)



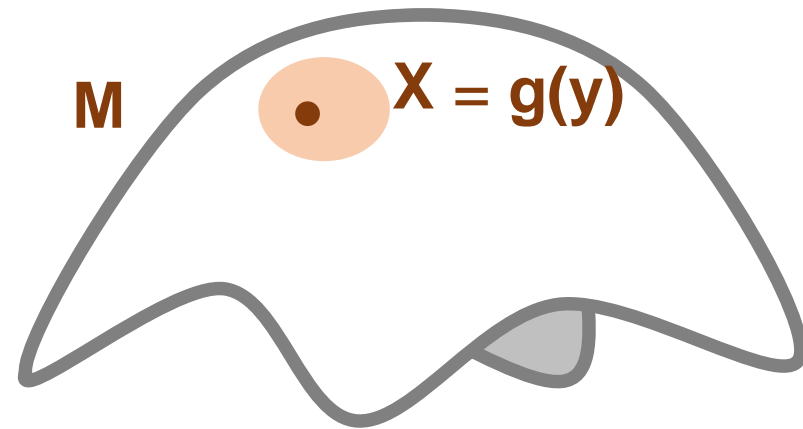
Tangent space

Assume for simplicity that manifold \mathbf{M} is a subset of Euclidean space

$\mathbf{X} \in U \subset \mathbf{M}$, (U, h) - map



$U = \{X' = g(y) \in \mathbf{M} : y \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^q\}$ - q -dimensional surface



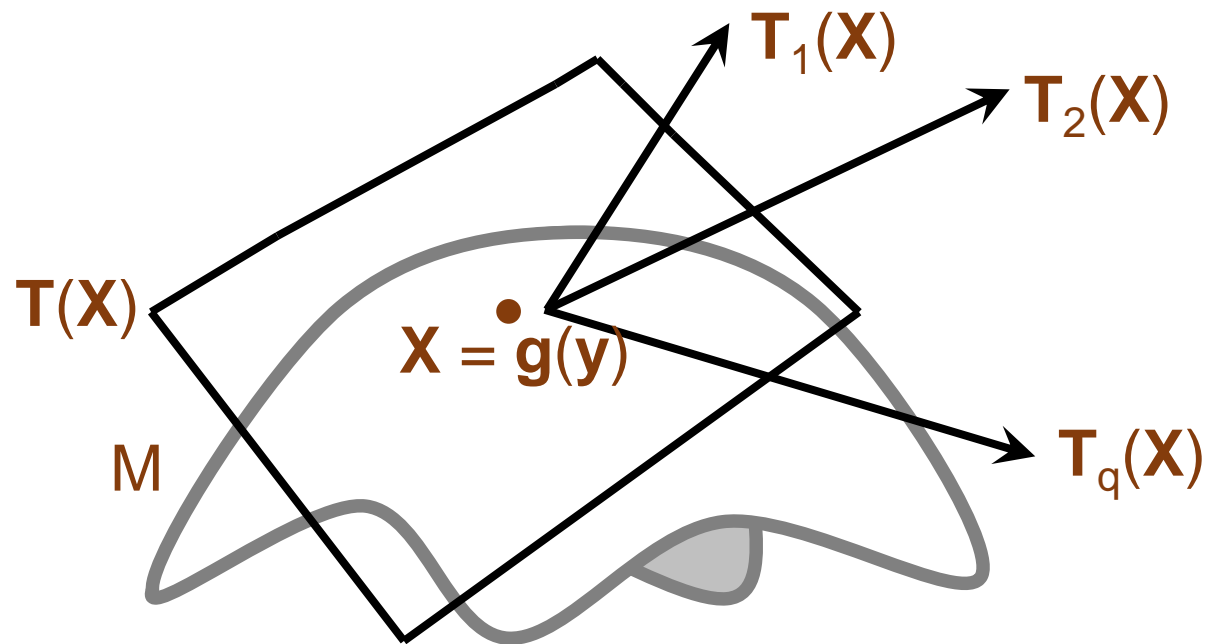
Define the **Tangent space** $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X})$ to the manifold \mathbf{M} at point \mathbf{X}

as tangent space to the surface $U = U(\mathbf{X})$

The Tangent space $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X})$ does not depend on
chosen neighborhood U of the point $\mathbf{X}!!!$

$\{\mathbf{T}_k(\mathbf{X})\}$ - tangent vectors

$G(\mathbf{X}) = \left\| \left(\mathbf{T}_i(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{T}_j(\mathbf{X}) \right) \right\|$ - Gram matrix



Smooth Riemannian manifold

$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X})$ - tangent space, $\{\mathbf{T}_k(\mathbf{X}), k = 1, 2, \dots, q\}$ - basis in $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X})$,

Gram matrix $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X}) = \left\| \left(G_{ij}(\mathbf{X}) \right) \right\| = \left\| \left(\mathbf{T}_i(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{T}_j(\mathbf{X}) \right) \right\|$

$\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}' \in \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X})$ - tangent vectors:

$$\mathbf{t} = \sum_{k=1}^q a_k \times \mathbf{T}_k(\mathbf{X})$$

$$\mathbf{t}' = \sum_{k=1}^q b_k \times \mathbf{T}_k(\mathbf{X})$$

$$(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}') = \sum_{k,j=1}^q G_{kj}(\mathbf{X}) a_k b_j \quad - \text{inner product in tangent space}$$

determined by matrix $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{X})$

Let manifold \mathbf{M} is equipped with an inner product on the tangent space $\mathbf{T}(X)$ at each point $X \in \mathbf{M}$ that varies smoothly from point to point: if tangent vectors $\mathbf{t}'(X), \mathbf{t}''(X) \in \mathbf{T}(X)$ are smooth vector fields on \mathbf{M} ($\mathbf{t}'(X)$ and $\mathbf{t}''(X)$ are smooth functions) that mapping $X \rightarrow (\mathbf{t}(X), \mathbf{t}''(X))$ is smooth function.

Math: Every *paracompact* differentiable manifold admits a Riemannian metric

A family $\{\mathbf{G}(X)\}$ is called Riemannian metric (tensor),

(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{G}) is called Riemannian manifold

A Riemannian metric (tensor) makes it possible to define various geometric notions on a Riemannian manifold, such as angles, lengths of curves, curvature, gradients of functions, etc.

Geodesic curves

(\mathbf{M}, G) - Riemannian manifold

$\mathbf{X}(t) \in \mathbf{M}$ for each $t \in (a, b)$ - $\Gamma = \{\mathbf{X}(t): t \in (a, b)\}$ - **smooth** curve in \mathbf{M}

$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) \in \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X}(t))$ - tangent vector to the curve $\mathbf{X}(t)$ at the point $\mathbf{X}(t) \in \mathbf{M}$

Curve length: $L(\Gamma) = \int_a^b (\dot{\mathbf{X}}^T(t) \times G(\mathbf{X}(t)) \times \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t))^{1/2} dt$

$\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2 \in \mathbf{M}$ $\Gamma = \Gamma(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) = \{\Gamma = \{\mathbf{X}(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\} \in \mathbf{M}: \mathbf{X}(0) = \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}(1) = \mathbf{X}_2\}$

$\Gamma^* \in \Gamma(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\Gamma \in \Gamma} L(\Gamma)$ - geodesic curve

$d(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) = \min_{\Gamma \in \Gamma} L(\Gamma) = L(\Gamma^*)$ - Riemannian metric on manifold

Math: For any point $X \in \mathbf{M}$ and for any vector $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{T}(X)$ there exists a unique geodesic

$$\Gamma = \{\mathbf{X}(t): t \in (a, b)\}, 0 \in (a, b)$$

such that:

$$\mathbf{X}(0) = X$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(0) = \mathbf{p}$$

