General Relativity

By precise approach

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1 Preliminaries

Manifolds

1. Topological Manifolds

Def 1.1 Topological Manifolds

A *manifold* M of dimension n is a topological space with the following properties.

1. M is Hausdorff
2. M is locally Euclidean of dimension n
3. M has a countable basis of open sets

Why?

- **Hausdorff** : In Hausdorff space, convergent sequences converge to only one point. If you want to do calculus, you should need Hausdorff space.
- **Locally Euclidean** : This is the main reason that why we require manifolds.
- **Countable Basis** : We need *partition of unity* to bring many properties of Euclidean space. For Hausdorff space, existence of partition of unity require *paracompactness*. And paracompactness follows from *second countability*. It is same as have countable basis.

1.1 Supplement

Thm 1.1.1 Paracompact $\simeq$ Partition of unity

Let (X, τ) be a topological space that is T_1 (all points are closed). Then the following are equivalent:

- (X, τ) is paracompact and Hausdorff
- Every open cover of (X, τ) admits a subordinate partition of unity

To prove this, we need a wide background knowledge.

Def 1.1.2 Hausdorff

Given points x and y of S, if $x \neq y$, then there exist open neighborhoods U of x and V of y in S that are disjoint: such that $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Def 1.1.3 Locally finite cover

Let (X, τ) be a topological space.
An open cover $\{U_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ of X is called *locally finite* if $\forall x \in X$, there exists a neighbourhood $U_x \supset \{x\}$ such that it intersects only finitely many elements of the cover, hence such that $U_x \cap U_i \neq \emptyset$ for only a finite number of $i \in I$.

Def 1.1.4 Refinement of open covers

Let (X, τ) be a topological space, and let $\{U_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ be a open cover. Then a *refinement* of this open cover is a set of open subsets $\{V_j \subset X\}_{j \in J}$ which is still an open cover in itself and such that for each $j \in J$ there exists an $i \in I$ with $V_j \subset U_i$.

Def 1.1.5 Paracompact topological space

A topological space (X, τ) is called *paracompact* if every open cover of X has a refinement by a locally finite open cover.

Def 1.1.6 Partition of unity

Let (X, τ) be a topological space, and let $\{U_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ be an open cover. Then a *partition of unity* subordinate to the cover is

- a set $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ of continuous functions

$$f_i : X \to [0, 1]$$

  (where $[0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}$ is equipped with the subspace topology of the real numbers $\mathbb{R}$ regarded as the 1D Euclidean space equipped with its metric topology)

such that with

$$Supp(f_i) := Cl\left(f_i^{-1}((0, 1])\right)$$

denoting the support of f_i (the topological closure of the subset of points on which it does not vanish) then

1) $\underset{i \in I}{\forall} (Supp(f_i) \subset U_i)$
2) $\{Supp(f_i) \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ is a locally finite cover
3) $\underset{x \in X}{\forall} \left(\sum_{i \in I} f_i(x) = 1\right)$

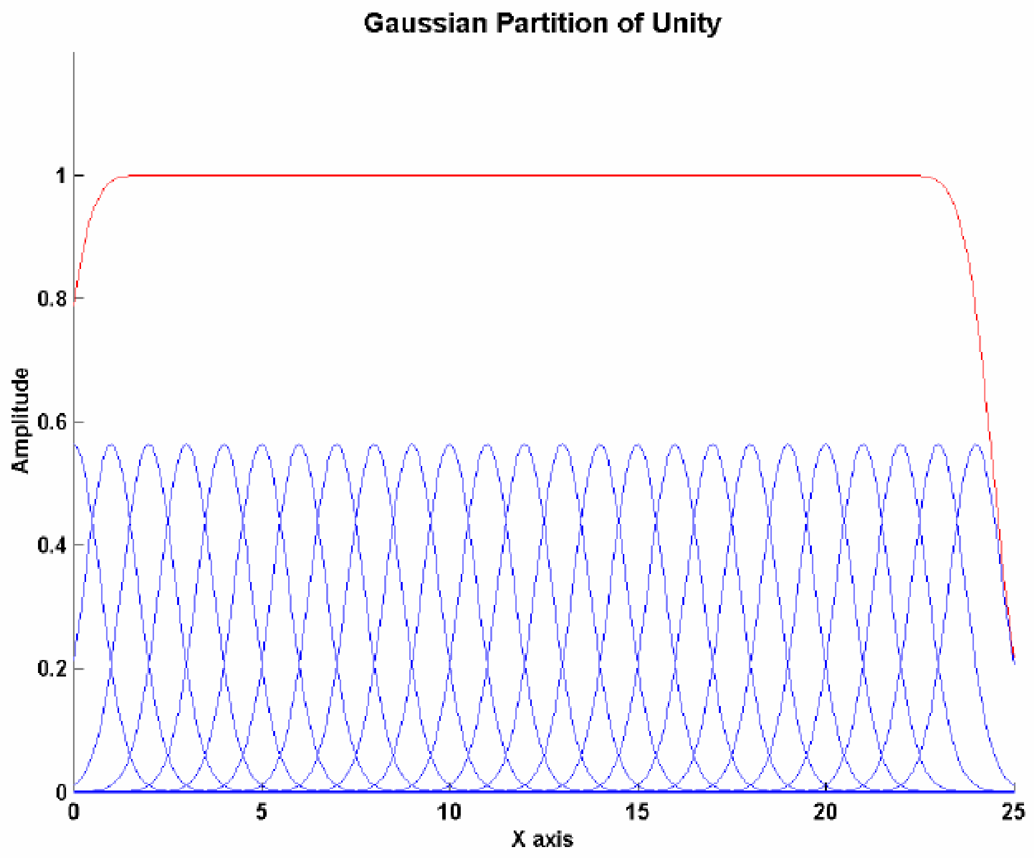

Figure 1.1: Gaussian Partition of Unity

Prop 1.1.7 Paracompact - Partition of unity

If (X, τ) is a paracompact topological space, then for every open cover $\{U_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ there is a subordinate partition of unity.

Proof will be given later.

Lem 1.1.8 Natural Refinement

Let (X, τ) be a topological space, $\{U_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ be an open cover and $\left(\phi : J \to I,\ \{V_j \subset X\}_{j \in J}\right)$ be a refinement to a locally finite cover. Then, for $\{W_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ with

$$W_i \equiv \left\{ \bigcup_{j \in \phi^{-1}(\{i\})} V_j \right\}$$

is still a refinement of $\{U_i \in X\}_{i \in I}$ to a locally finite cover.

Proof for 1.1.8

First we know, for $V,\ V_j \subset U_{\phi(j)=i}$. Conversely, $\forall j \in \phi^{-1}(\{i\}),\ V_j \subset U_i$. Thus, $W_i \in \bigcup_{j \in \phi^{-1}(\{i\})} V_j \subset U_i$.

Second, since $\{V_j \subset X\}_{j \in J}$ are locally finite, $\exists\, \mathcal{U}_x \supset \{x\}$ and a finite subset $K \subset J$ such that

$$\underset{j \in J \setminus K}{\forall} (\mathcal{U}_x \cap V_j = \emptyset)$$

(locally finite: $\mathcal{U}_x \cap V_j \neq \emptyset$ for just finite number of $j \in J$)
Then we can get by construction,

$$\underset{i \in I \setminus \phi(K)}{\forall} (\mathcal{U}_x \cap W_i = \emptyset)$$

Since $\phi(K)$ is still finite, we can find the number of i such that $\mathcal{U}_x \cap W_i \neq \emptyset$ is also finite. (If for $i \in K',\ \mathcal{U}_x \cap W_i \neq \emptyset$ then K' should be subset of $\phi(K)$.)

Therefore $\{W_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ is locally finite.

Lem 1.1.9 Shrinking Lemma

Let X be a topological space which is normal and let $\{U_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ be a locally finite open cover. Assuming the axiom of choice then:

There exists another open cover $\{V_i \subset X\}_{i \in I}$ such that the topological closure $Cl(V_i)$ of its elements is contained in the original patches:

$$\underset{i \in I}{\forall} (V_i \subset Cl(V_i) \subset U_i)$$

Now, suggest some fundamental topological concepts to prove prop 1.1.7.

Def 1.1.10 Normal Spaces (T_4)

A topological space X is *normal* if for every two closed disjoint subsets $A, B \subset X$, there are neighborhoods $U \supset A,\ V \supset B$ such that $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Prop 1.1.11 T_4 in terms of topological closure

X is normal iff for all closed subsets $C \subset X$ with open neighborhood $U \supset C$ there exists a smaller open neighborhood $V \supset C$ whose topological closure $Cl(V)$ is still contained in U:

$$C \subset V \subset Cl(V) \subset U$$

Proof for Prop 1.1.11

Suppose that (X, τ) is T_4. Consider closed subset $C \subset U$ where U is open neighborhood of C. It implies

$$C \cap X \backslash U = \emptyset$$

Since U is open, $X \backslash U$ is closed. Because of normal space, there are open neighborhoods V, W such that $C \subset V,\ X \backslash U \subset W$ and $V \cap W = \emptyset$. Because of last term, we can find $V \subset X \backslash W \subset U$. Since $X \backslash W$ is closed, we can find next relation :

$$C \subset V \subset Cl(V) \subset X \backslash W \subset U$$

In the other direction, suppose that $\forall$ open neighborhood U of closed subset C, there are smaller open neighborhood with $C \subset V \subset Cl(V) \subset U$. Now, consider disjoint closed subset $C_1, C_2 \subset X$. $C_1 \cap C_2 = \emptyset$ implies $C_1 \subset X \backslash C_2$. Since $X \backslash C_2$ is open neighborhood of C_1, there exists smaller open neighborhood V such that

$$C_1 \subset V \subset Cl(V) \subset X \backslash C_2$$

And it also implies $X \backslash Cl(V)$ is open neighborhood of C_2 where $V \cap X \backslash Cl(V) = \emptyset$. Therefore X is T_4.

Def 1.1.12 Urysohn function

Let X be a topological space, and let $A, B \subset$ X be disjoint closed subsets. Then an *Urysohn function* for this situation is a continuous function

$$f : X \to [0,1]$$

to the closed interval equipped with its Euclidean metric topology, such that

$$f(A) = \{0\} \text{ and } f(B) = \{1\}$$

Prop 1.1.13 Urysohn's Lemma

Let X be a normal topological space, and let $A, B \subset X$ be two disjoint closed subsets of X. Then there exists an *Urysohn function*.

This lemma has several **big** applications:

- **Urysohn Metrization Thm**: *If X is a normal space with a countable basis, then we can use the abundance of continuous functions from X to $[0,1]$ to assign numerical coordinates to the points of X and obtain an embedding of X into $\mathbb{R}^\omega$. From this we see that every second countable normal space is a metric space.*
- **Tietze Extension Thm**: *Suppose A is a subset of a space X and $f : A \to [0,1]$ is a continuous function. If X is normal and A is closed in X, then we can find a continuous function from X to $[0,1]$ that is an extension of f.*
- **Embedding manifolds in $\mathbb{R}^n$**: Using Urysohn's lemma to develop the tool called *partitions of unity*, we can obtain the following theoerem: *Each compact n-manifold is homeomorphic to a subspace of some $\mathbb{R}^n$.*

Then let's start to prove *Urysohn's lemma.*

Proof for Urysohn's lemma

($\Leftarrow$) Suppose $f(A) = \{0\}\,,\ f(B) = \{1\}$ for all closed subset $A, B \subset X$. Then $A \subset f^{-1}\left([0, \frac{1}{2})\right)$ and $D \subset f^{-1}\left((\frac{1}{2}, 1]\right)$. We can find these two sets are open and disjoint.[a] Thus, X is T_4.

($\Rightarrow$) Suppose that X is T_4 and consider two disjoint closed sets $A, B \subset X$. Claim there is *Urysohn function*. To prove this, we should construct continuous function such that $f(A) = \{0\}\,,\ f(B) = \{1\}$. (Maybe it's a little bit tricky.)
Since X is T_4, we can find open neighborhood for any closed subsets of X such that satisfies *prop 1.1.11*. Then we can think next idea :

Let $\{U_p\}_{p \in [0,1] \cap \mathbb{Q}}$ be a collection of open sets such that

$$U_1 = X \backslash B,\ A \subset U_0 \subset Cl(U_0) \subset U_1$$

For convenience, denote $Q = [0,1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$. Since Q is countable, we can enumerate it as

$$Q = \{p_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

To be more clear, we are going to define by induction a collection $\{U_p | p \in Q\}$ of open subsets with the property:

$$p < q \ \Rightarrow\ Cl(U_p) \subset U_q$$

By definition of U_p, we know above property is satisfied when $p = 0,\ q = 1$. Since $Cl(U_0)$ is also subset of X, by *prop 1.1.11*, we can construct $\{U_p\}_{p \in Q}$ completely. Also add some conditions ($p \in (-\infty, 0) \cap \mathbb{Q} \ \Rightarrow\ U_p = \emptyset,\ p \in (1, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Q} \ \Rightarrow\ U_p = X$), then we can extend our collection to whole $\mathbb{Q}$. Now, we can define new set:

$$\mathbb{Q}(x) \equiv \{p \in \mathbb{Q} | x \in U_p\}$$

Then we can find $\mathbb{Q}(x)$ has lower bound 0.[b] Since $\mathbb{Q}(x)$ has a greatest lower bound, we can define $f : X \to [0,1]$ by

$$f(x) = \inf \mathbb{Q}(x) = \inf \{p \in \mathbb{Q} | x \in U_p\}$$

If we show f satisfies (① $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1$, ② f *is Urysohn function for* A, B,
③ $x \in Cl(U_p) \Rightarrow f(x) \leq p$, ④ $x \notin U_p \Rightarrow f(x) \geq p$, ⑤ f *is continuous*) then proof is complete.

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Proof for Urysohn's lemma (Continued)

① $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1$
: It's trivial because of next property :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall p > 1 \\ \text{can't define} & \forall p < 0 \end{cases}$$

② *f is Urysohn function for A, B.*
: Since $A \subset U_0,\ \forall x \in A,\ f(x) = 0$ and $B = X \backslash U_1,\ \forall x \in B,\ f(x) = \inf\{(1, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Q}\} = 1$.

③ *If $x \in Cl(U_p)$, then $f(x) \leq p$*
: Suppose $x \in Cl(U_p)$, then $x \in Cl(U_p) \subset U_q,\ \forall q \in \mathbb{Q},\ q > p$. Thus,

$$(p, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}(x) \ \Rightarrow\ \inf \mathbb{Q}(x) \leq p$$

④ *If $x \notin U_p$, then $f(x) \geq p$*
: Suppose $x \notin U_p$, then $x \notin U_q,\ \forall q \leq p$. Thus,

$$(-\infty, p] \cap \mathbb{Q}(x) = \emptyset \ \Rightarrow\ p \leq \inf \mathbb{Q}(x)$$

⑤ *f is continuous.*
: Suppose $U = (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $(a, b) \cap [0, 1] \neq \emptyset$. Claim $f^{-1}(U)$ is open. Suppose $x \in f^{-1}(U)$. It means $f(x) \in U = (a, b)$. Since U is open, there are $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $a < p < f(x) < q < b$. By ③, ④, we know $x \in U_q \backslash Cl(U_p)$ and $f(U_q \backslash Cl(U_p)) \subset (a, b)$.[c]
Thus, we can find $\forall x \in f^{-1}(U)$, there are $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $x \in U_q \backslash Cl(U_p) \subset f^{-1}(U)$. Since $U_q \backslash Cl(U_p)$ is open, $f^{-1}(U)$ is open. Therefore, f is continuous.

Proof is complete.

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Now, we can prove *prop 1.1.7*.

2 Appendix

A. Topology

Def A.1 Topological Space

A *topology* on a set X is a subset $\mathcal{T}$ of the power set $\mathcal{P}(X)$ with the following properties:

1. $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$ and $X \in \mathcal{T}$
2. Unions of elements of $\mathcal{T}$ belong to $\mathcal{T}$

$$U_i \in \mathcal{T} \text{ for all } i \in I \implies \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \mathcal{T}$$

3. Intersections of finitely many elements of $\mathcal{T}$ belong to $\mathcal{T}$. For finite set I,

$$U_i \in \mathcal{T} \text{ for all } i \in I \implies \bigcap_{i \in I} U_i \in \mathcal{T}$$

A *topological space* is a set X together with a topology $\mathcal{T}$ on X. For a topological space $(X, \mathcal{T})$ *open subsets* and their complements *closed subsets* of X.

Example A.2

1) Let X be a set. Then $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, X\}$, is a topology on X, called the *trivial topology*. This is a smallest topology.
2) The power set $\mathcal{P}(X)$ of a set X, is a topology on X, called the *discrete topology*. This is a largest topology.

Def A.3 Basis

Let $\mathcal{T}$ be a topology on a set X. A subset $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ is called a *basis* for $\mathcal{T}$ if every element of $\mathcal{T}$ is a union of elements of $\mathcal{B}$.

Prop A.4 Basis (Comfortable Definition)

A subset $\mathcal{B}$ of a topology $\mathcal{T}$ on a set X is a basis of $\mathcal{T}$ iff, for every $U \in \mathcal{T}$ and $x \in U$, there is a $V \in \mathcal{B}$ with $x \in V \subseteq U$.

Proof is trivial.

Def A.5 Neighborhood

Let X be a topological space, $x \in X$. Then $U \subseteq X$ is called a *neighborhood* of x when there is an open set $x \in V \subseteq U$. We denote by $\mathcal{U}(x)$ the set of all neighborhoods of x.

Def A.6 Neighborhood Basis

Let X be a topological space and $x \in X$. Then we call a subset $\mathcal{B}(x) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(x)$ a *neighborhood basis* or *local basis* of x if for every neighborhood U of x, there is a $V \in \mathcal{B}(x)$ with $V \subseteq U$.

Def A.7 Countability

Let X be a topological space.

- X satisfies the *first countability axiom* and is called *countable* if every point in X admits a countable neighborhood basis.
- X satisfies the *second countability axiom* and is called *second countable* if the topology of X admits a countable basis.

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