

Let X be a Hausdorff space s.t. each $x \in X$ has a neighborhood that is homeomorphic with an open subset of \mathbb{R}^m . Show that if X is compact it is an m manifold.

Want to show that X has a countable basis. We know that \mathbb{R}^m is 2nd countable.

As X is compact we can let

$\{U_1, \dots, U_N\}$ be a collection of sets covering X s.t. U_i is homeomorphic to an open subset of \mathbb{R}^m by f_i . Consider the set $B = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \{f_i^{-1}(b) : b \text{ is a basis element of } \mathbb{R}^m\}$

~~this~~ this is a countable set. Check if it's a basis. let U be an open set, $x \in U$, then $x \in U_i$ for some i . $U_i \cap U$ is open and contains x . $f_i(U_i \cap U)$ is open in $f_i(U_i)$ thus there is a basis element $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ containing $f_i(x)$. then $x \in f_i^{-1}(b) \subset U$ and open so B is a basis