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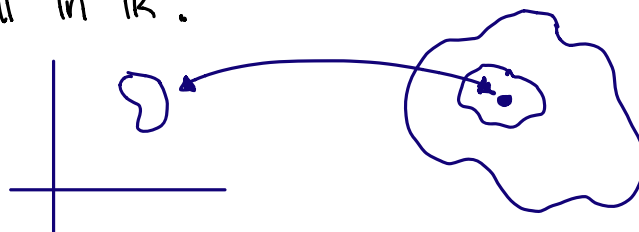
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## Differential manifolds

Calculus in  $\mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow$  Differential manifold.

The most general object on which calculus can be conducted.

**Definition:** An  $n$ -dim manifold is a **topological space** that is locally Euclidean, that is, around every point there is a neighbourhood that is topologically the same as the open unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



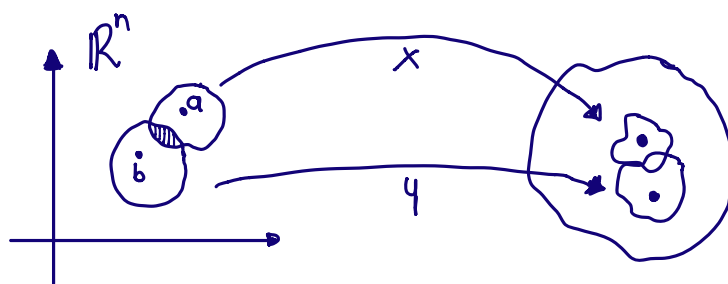
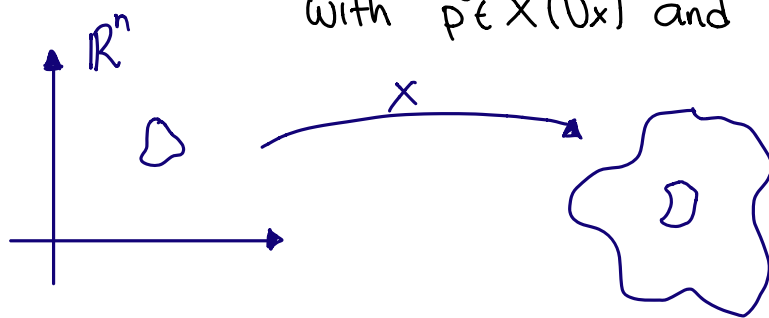
**Note:** We understand topological space as: Convergence, connectedness and continuity defined.

**Definition:** An  $n$ -dim manifold is a set furnished with a collection  $\mathcal{p}$  of abstract patches (one-to-one functions  $x: D \rightarrow M$ ,  $D$  open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) satisfying:

1) **Covering property:** The images of the patches in the collection  $\mathcal{p}$  cover  $M$ .

2) **Smooth overlap property:** For any patches  $x, y$  in  $\mathcal{p}$ , the composite functions  $y^{-1} \circ x$  and  $x^{-1} \circ y$  are Euclidean.

3) **Hausdorff property:** For any points  $p \neq q$  in  $M$ . There are disjoint patches  $x$  and  $y$  with  $p \in x(D_x)$  and  $q \in y(D_y)$ .



$$(y^{-1} \circ x)(a) = y^{-1}(x(a)) = b$$

$$(x^{-1} \circ y)(b) = x^{-1}(y(b)).$$

$$x: D_1 \longrightarrow M_1$$

$$y: D_2 \longrightarrow M_2$$

$$y^{-1} \circ x = D_1 \longrightarrow M_1 \cap M_2 \longrightarrow D_2.$$

Euclidean  $n$ -space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the set of all  $n$ -tuples  $q = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$  of real numbers.

Natural inner product of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the dot-product.

$$q \cdot \tilde{q} := \sum_i q_i \tilde{q}_i$$

With norm

$$|q| := \sqrt{q \cdot \tilde{q}}$$

and resulting metric

$$d(q, \tilde{q}) := |q - \tilde{q}|$$

A real valued function  $f$  defined on an open set  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is smooth ( $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty$ ) for  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  provided all mixed partial derivatives of  $f$  (of all orders) exist and are continuous at every point of  $U$ .

**Note:** We want to extend these definitions to manifolds.

**Definition:** A manifold is a Hausdorff topological space such that every point has a neighbourhood **homeomorphic** to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition (Homeomorphism):** A homeomorphism is a bijection (one-to-one and onto)  $f$  between topological spaces which is **bicontinuous**.  
 **$f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are continuous.**