

Notes on Lee's Manifolds

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1 Chapter 1

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1.1 Recommended Problems

Exercise (Problem 1.6) Show that if $M^n \neq \emptyset$ is a topological manifold of dimension $n \geq 1$ and M has a smooth structure, then it has uncountably many distinct ones.

Recommended problem

Hint: show that for any $s > 0$ that $F_s(x) := |x|^{s-1}x$ defines a homeomorphism $F_x : \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^n$ which is a diffeomorphism iff $s = 1$.

Exercise (Problem 1.7) Let $N := [0, \dots, 1] \in S^n$ and $S := [0, \dots, -1]$ and define the stereographic projection

Recommended problem

$$\sigma : S^n \setminus N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$\left[x^1, \dots, x^{n+1} \right] \mapsto \frac{1}{1 - x^{n+1}} \left[x^1, \dots, x^n \right]$$

and set $\tilde{\sigma}(x) = -\sigma(-x)$ for $x \in S^n \setminus S$ (projection from the South pole)

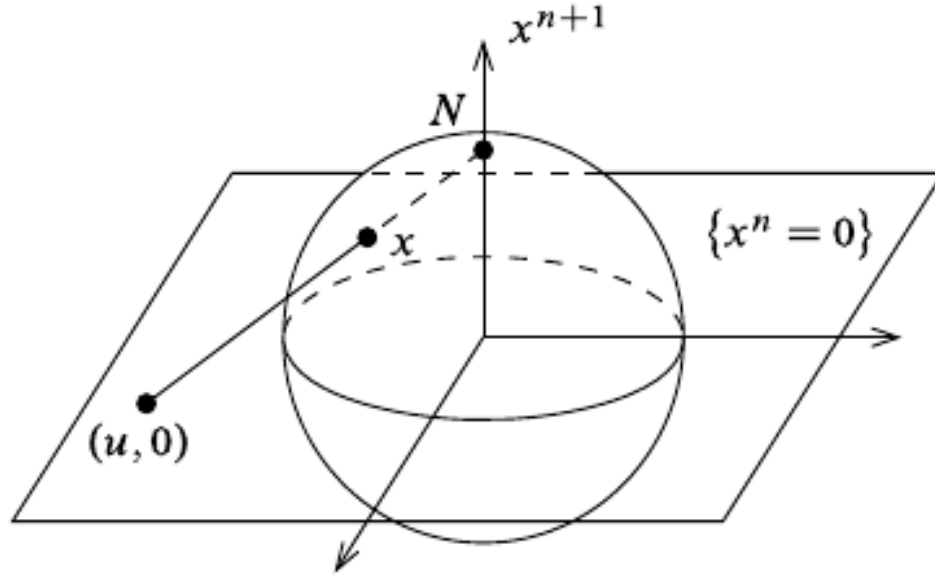


Fig. 1.13 Stereographic projection

1. For any $x \in S^n \setminus N$ show that $\sigma(x) = \mathbf{u}$ where $(\mathbf{u}, 0)$ is the point where the line through N and x intersects the linear subspace $H_{n+1} := \{x^{n+1} = 0\}$.

Similarly show that $\tilde{\sigma}(x)$ is the point where the line through S and x intersects H_{n+1} .

2. Show that σ is bijective and

$$\sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{u}) = \sigma^{-1}\left([u^1, \dots, u^n]\right) = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 1} [2u^1, \dots, 2u^n, \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - 1].$$

3. Compute the transition map $\tilde{\sigma} \circ \sigma^{-1}$ and verify that the atlas

$$\mathcal{A} := \{(S^n \setminus N, \sigma), (S^n \setminus S, \tilde{\sigma})\}$$

define a smooth structure on S^n .

4. Show that this smooth structure is equivalent to the standard smooth structure: Put graph coordinates on S^n as outlined in 1.2 to obtain $\{(U_i^\pm, \varphi_i^\pm)\}$.

For indices $i < j$, show that

$$\varphi_i^\pm \circ (\varphi_j^\pm)^{-1} [u^1, \dots, u^n] = [u^1, \dots, \hat{u}^i, \dots, \pm \sqrt{1 - \|\mathbf{u}\|^2}, \dots, u^n]$$

where the square root appears in the j th position. Find a similar formula for $i > j$. Show that if $i = j$, then

$$\varphi_i^\pm \circ (\varphi_j^\pm)^{-1} = \varphi_i^- \circ (\varphi_i^+)^{-1} = \text{id}_{\mathbb{D}^n}.$$

Show that these yield a smooth atlas.

Exercise (Problem 1.8) Define an *angle function* on $U \subset S^1$ as any continuous function $\theta : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $e^{i\theta(z)} = z$ for all $z \in U$.

Recommended problem

Show that U admits an angle function iff $U \neq S^1$, and for any such function θ , (U, θ) is a smooth coordinate chart for S^1 with its standard smooth structure.

Exercise (Problem 1.9) Show that \mathbb{CP}^n is a compact $2n$ -dimensional topological manifold, and show how to equip it with a smooth structure, using the correspondence

Recommended problem

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}^{2n} &\iff \mathbb{C}^n \\ [x^1, y^1, \dots, x^n, y^n] &\iff [x^1 + iy^1, \dots, x^n + iy^n]. \end{aligned}$$

1.2 Notes

Definition 1.0.1 (Topological Manifold).

A topological space M that satisfies

1. M is Hausdorff, i.e. points can be separated by open sets
2. M is second-countable, i.e. has a countable basis
3. M is locally Euclidean, i.e. every point has a neighborhood homeomorphic to an open subset \hat{U} of \mathbb{R}^n for some fixed n .

The last property says $p \in M \implies \exists U$ with $p \in U \subseteq M$, $\hat{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, and a homeomorphism $\varphi : U \rightarrow \hat{U}$.

Note that second countability is primarily needed for existence of partitions of unity.

Exercise Show that the in the last condition, \hat{U} can equivalently be required to be an open ball or \mathbb{R}^n itself.

Theorem 1.1 (*Topological Invariance of Dimension*).

Two nonempty topological manifolds of different dimensions can not be homeomorphic.

Exercise Show that in a Hausdorff space, finite subsets are closed and limits of convergent sequences are unique.

Exercise Show that subspaces and finite products of Hausdorff (resp. second countable) spaces are again Hausdorff (resp. second countable).

Thus any open subset of a topological manifold with the subspace topology is again a topological manifold.

Exercise Give an example of a connected, locally Euclidean Hausdorff space that is not second countable.

Definition 1.1.1 (Charts).

A chart on M is a pair (U, φ) where $U \subseteq M$ is open and $\varphi : U \rightarrow \hat{U}$ is a homeomorphism from U to $\hat{U} = \varphi(U) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. If $p \in M$ and $\varphi(p) = 0 \in \hat{U}$, then the chart is said to be *centered* at p . Note that any chart about p can be modified to a chart (φ_1, \hat{U}_1) that is centered at p by defining $\varphi_1(x) = x - \varphi(p)$.

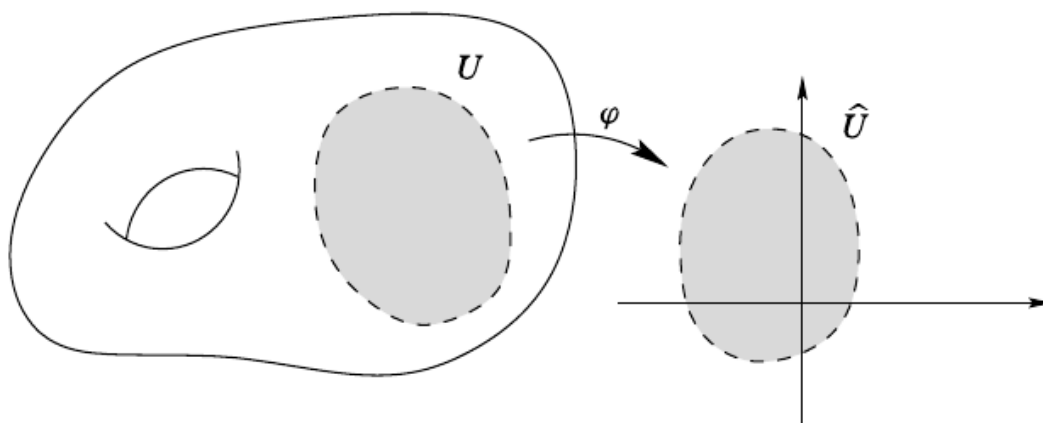


Fig. 1.2 A coordinate chart

U is the *coordinate domain* and φ is the *coordinate map*.

Note that we can write φ in components as $\varphi(p) = [x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p)]$ where each x^i is a map $x^i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The component functions x^i are the *local coordinates* on U .

Shorthand notation: $[x^i] := [x^1, \dots, x^n]$.

Example 1.1 (Graphs of Continuous Functions).

Define

$$\Gamma(f) = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^k \mid x \in U, y = f(x) \in \hat{U} \right\}.$$

This is a topological manifold since we can take $\varphi : \Gamma(f) \rightarrow U$ by restricting $\pi_1 : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ to the subspace $\Gamma(f)$. Projections are continuous, restrictions of continuous functions are continuous.

This is a homeomorphism because the map $g : x \mapsto (x, f(x))$ is continuous and $g \circ \pi_1 = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ is continuous with $\pi_1 \circ g = \text{id}_{\Gamma(f)}$. Note that $U \cong \Gamma(f)$, and thus $(U, \varphi) = (\Gamma(f), \varphi)$ is a single *global* coordinate chart, called the *graph coordinates* of f .

Thus graphs of continuous functions $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ are locally Euclidean?

Note that this works in greater generality:: “The same observation applies to any subset of \mathbb{R}^{n+k} by setting *any* k of the coordinates equal to some continuous function of the other n .”

Coordinates as numbers vs functions?

Example 1.2 (Spheres).

S^n is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^{n+1} and is thus Hausdorff and second-countable by exercise 1.2.

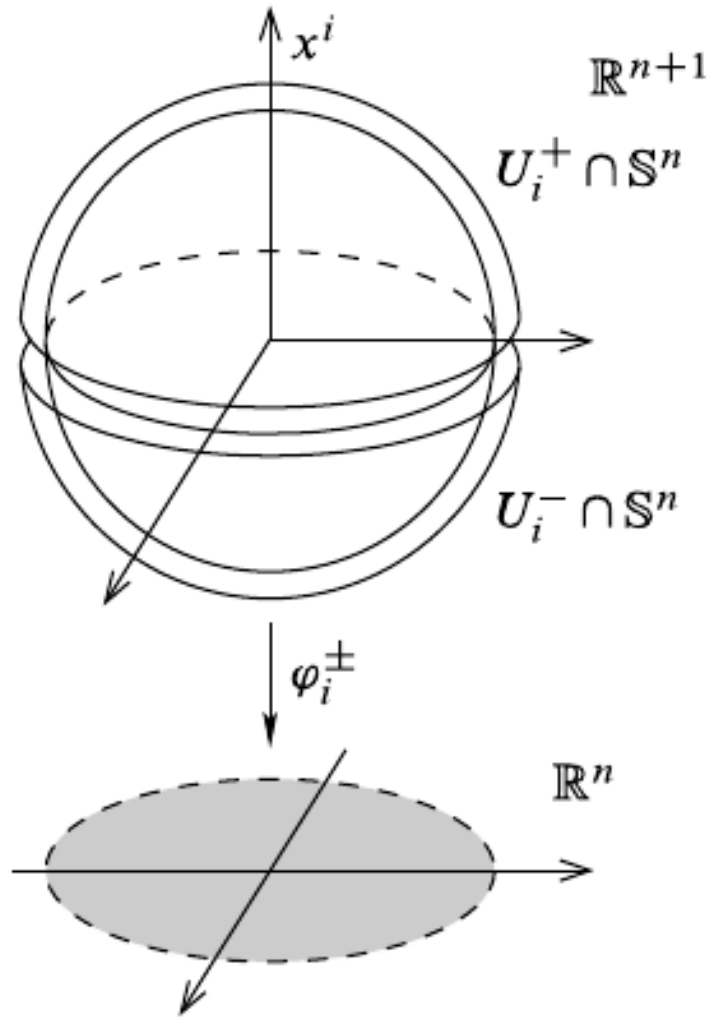


Fig. 1.3 Charts for S^n

To see that it's locally Euclidean, take

$$U_i^+ := \left\{ [x^1, \dots, x^n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid x^i > 0 \right\} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n+1$$

$$U_i^- := \left\{ [x^1, \dots, x^n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid x^i < 0 \right\} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n+1.$$

Define

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto \sqrt{1 - \|\mathbf{x}\|^2}.$$

Note that we immediately need to restrict the domain to $\mathbb{D}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, where $\|x\|^2 \leq 1 \implies 1 - \|x\|^2 \geq 0$, to have a well-defined real function $f : \mathbb{D}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$.

Then (claim)

$$\begin{aligned} U_i^+ \cap S^n & \text{ is the graph of } x^i = f(x^1, \dots, \widehat{x^i}, \dots, x^{n+1}) \\ U_i^- \cap S^n & \text{ is the graph of } x^i = -f(x^1, \dots, \widehat{x^i}, \dots, x^{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

This is because

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(x^i) &:= \{(\mathbf{x}, f(\mathbf{x})) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \left\{ [x_1, \dots, \widehat{x^i}, \dots, x^{n+1}], f([x_1, \dots, \widehat{x^i}, \dots, x^{n+1}]) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ [x_1, \dots, \widehat{x^i}, \dots, x^{n+1}], \left(1 - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} (x^j)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and any vector in this set has norm satisfying

$$\|(\mathbf{x}, y)\|^2 = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} (x^j)^2 + \left(1 - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} (x^j)^2 \right) = 1$$

and is thus in S^n .

To see that any such point also has positive i coordinate and is thus in U_i^+ , we can rearrange (?) coordinates to put the value of f in the i th coordinate to obtain

$$\Gamma(x_i) = \left\{ [x^1, \dots, f(x^1, \dots, \widehat{x^i}, \dots, x^n), \dots, x^n] \right\}$$

Seems like f is always the *last* coordinate in the graph

and note that the square root only takes on positive values.

Thus each $U_i^\pm \cap S^n$ is the graph of a continuous function and thus locally Euclidean, and we can define chart maps

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_i^\pm : U_i^\pm \cap S^n &\longrightarrow \mathbb{D}^n \\ [x^1, \dots, x^n] &\mapsto [x^1, \dots, \widehat{x^i}, \dots, x^{n+1}] \end{aligned}$$

yield $2(n+1)$ charts that are graph coordinates for S^n .

Definition 1.1.2 (Quotient Map).

A continuous surjective map $p : X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ is a *quotient map* if $U \subseteq Y$ is open iff $p^{-1}(U) \subset X$ is open.

Equivalently, p is continuous and maps saturated subsets of X to open subsets of Y .

Note that this is stronger than continuity

Definition 1.1.3 (Saturated).

A subset $A \subseteq X$ is *saturated* with respect to $p : X \rightarrow Y$ if whenever $p^{-1}(\{y\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$, then $p^{-1}(\{y\}) \subseteq A$.

Equivalently, $A = p^{-1}(B)$ for some $B \subseteq Y$, i.e. it is a complete inverse image of some subset of Y .

Definition 1.1.4 (Universal Property of Quotient Maps).

For $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$ a quotient map, if $g : X \rightarrow Z$ is a map that is constant on each $p^{-1}(\{y\})$, then there is a unique map f making the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & & \\ \downarrow \pi & \searrow g & \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$$

Example 1.3 (Projective Space).

Define \mathbb{RP}^n as the space of 1-dimensional subspaces of \mathbb{R}^{n+1} with the quotient topology determined by the map

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{RP}^n \\ \mathbf{x} &\mapsto \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}} \{\mathbf{x}\}. \end{aligned}$$

How is this map a quotient map?

Notation: for $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ write $[\mathbf{x}] := \pi(\mathbf{x})$, the line spanned by \mathbf{x} .

Define charts:

$$\tilde{U}_i := \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \mid x^i \neq 0 \right\}, \quad U_i = \pi(\tilde{U}_i) \subseteq \mathbb{RP}^n$$

and chart maps

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}_i : \tilde{U}_i &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ \left[x^1, \dots, x^{n+1} \right] &\mapsto \left[\frac{x^1}{x^i}, \dots, \frac{x^{n+1}}{x^i} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then (claim) this descends to a continuous map $\varphi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by the universal property of the quotient:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{U}_i & & \\ \downarrow \pi_U & \searrow \tilde{\varphi}_i & \\ U_i & \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} & \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

- The restriction $\pi_U : \tilde{U}_i \rightarrow U_i$ of π is still a quotient map because $\tilde{U}_i = \pi_U^{-1}(U_i)$ where $U_i \subseteq \mathbb{RP}^n$ is open in the quotient topology and thus \tilde{U}_i is saturated.

Thus π_U sends saturated sets to open sets and is thus a quotient map.

- $\tilde{\varphi}_i$ is constant on preimages under π_U : fix $y \in U_i$, then $\pi_U^{-1}(\{y\}) = \{\lambda \mathbf{y} \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}\}$, i.e. the point $y \in \mathbb{RP}^n$ pulls back to every nonzero point on the line spanned by $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

But

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\varphi}_i(\lambda \mathbf{y}) &= \varphi_i\left(\left[\lambda y^1, \dots, \lambda y^i, \dots, \lambda y^n\right]\right) \\ &= \left[\frac{\lambda y^1}{\lambda y^i}, \dots, \widehat{\lambda y^i}, \dots, \frac{\lambda y^{n+1}}{\lambda y^i}\right] \\ &= \left[\frac{y^1}{y^i}, \dots, \widehat{y^i}, \dots, \frac{y^{n+1}}{y^i}\right] \\ &= \tilde{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{y}).\end{aligned}$$

So this yields a continuous map

$$\varphi_i : U_i \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n.$$

We can now verify that φ is a homeomorphism since it has a continuous inverse given by

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_i^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n &\longrightarrow U_i \subseteq \mathbb{RP}^n \\ \mathbf{u} := [u^1, \dots, u^n] &\mapsto [u^1, \dots, u^{i-1}, \mathbf{1}, u^{i+1}, \dots, u^n].\end{aligned}$$

It remains to check:

Exercise

1. The $n+1$ sets U_1, \dots, U_{n+1} cover \mathbb{RP}^n .
2. \mathbb{RP}^n is Hausdorff
3. \mathbb{RP}^n is second-countable.

Exercise (1.6) Show that \mathbb{RP}^n is Hausdorff and second countable.

Exercise (1.7) Show that \mathbb{RP}^n is compact. (Hint: show that π restricted to S^n is surjective.)

Some facts from the appendix:

Subspaces $A \subseteq X$:

- Definition of the subspace topology: $U \subset A$ is open iff $U = V \cap A$ for some open $V \subseteq X$.

Example 1.4 (Product Manifolds).

Let $M := M_1 \times \dots \times M_k$ be a product of manifolds of dimensions n_1, \dots, n_k respectively.

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