Smooth Manifolds, Vector fields, Flows, Lie derivative

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1 Manifold

We shall first define topological manifold and then provide them with a smooth structure to form smooth manifold. An n-dimensional topological manifold is a topological space that is locally modeled by \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 1.1 (Topological manifold). Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A topological n-manifold, M, is a **second countable**, **Hausdorff** topological space such that every point $p \in M$ has a neighbourhood $N \ni p$ and a homeomorphism $\varphi: N \to U$ where $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open set.

A topological manifold