

510 lecture 2

last time: X a topological space

A chart on X is a pair (U, φ) where $U \subset X$ is open and $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a homeomorphism $U \rightarrow \varphi(U)$.

Two charts (U_0, φ_0) and (U_1, φ_1) are compatible if $U_0 \cap U_1 = \emptyset$ or else

$$\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_0^{-1}: \varphi_0(U_0 \cap U_1) \rightarrow \varphi_1(U_0 \cap U_1)$$

is a holomorphic diffeomorphism.

Definition: An atlas is a collection $\{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in A}$ of charts such that:

- (i) $\forall \alpha, \beta$ $(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)$ and (U_β, φ_β) are compatible,
- (ii) $\bigcup_{\alpha} U_\alpha = X$, i.e. the domains of the charts cover X .

A separable metrizable space X together with an atlas on X determines a Riemann surface.

The function $\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_0^{-1}$ in the compatibility condition is called the transition function between the charts.

lemma let T be the transition function between two compatible charts. then the derivative of T is never zero on its domain.

Pf let $T = \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_0^{-1} : \varphi_0(U_0 \cap U_1) \rightarrow \varphi_1(U_0 \cap U_1)$
 set $S = \varphi_0 \circ \varphi_1^{-1} : \varphi_1(U_0 \cap U_1) \rightarrow \varphi_0(U_0 \cap U_1)$

then $S \circ T = \text{Id} : \varphi_0(U_0 \cap U_1) \rightarrow \varphi_0(U_0 \cap U_1)$

ie. $S(T(w)) = w$ for all $w \in \varphi_0(U_0 \cap U_1) = \text{domain}$
 by chain rule

$$S'(T(w)) T'(w) = 1 \text{ for all } w \in \text{domain}$$

So $T'(w) \neq 0$.

Suppose $p \in U_0 \cap U_1$ let z denote coordinate in $\varphi_0(U_0)$
 let w denote coordinate in $\varphi_1(U_1)$

set $z_0 = \varphi_0(p)$ $w_0 = \varphi_1(p)$. then $T(w_0) = z_0$

The change of coordinates is $z = T(w)$, and we can expand

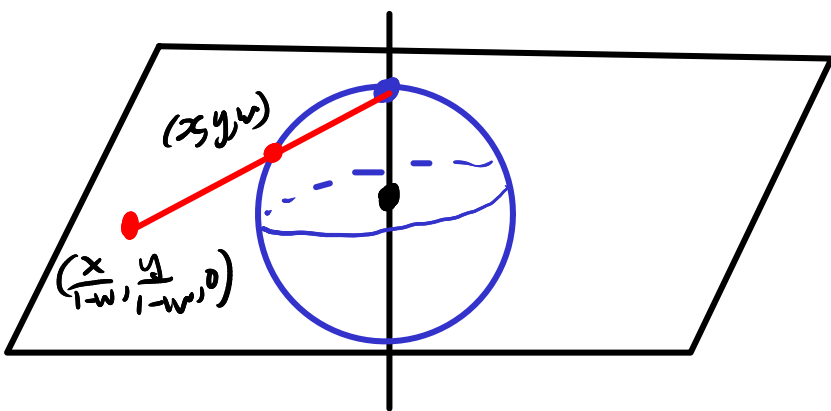
$$z = z_0 + \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n (w - w_0)^n \text{ with } a_1 \neq 0 \quad (*)$$

The "classical" way to think of a Riemann surface is as a space X where, near any point p , there are complex coordinate systems (z, w, others) such that any two coordinates whose domains of validity overlap are connected by analytic changes of coordinates like $(*)$.

Example 2-sphere. let $X = S^2 = \{(x, y, w) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + w^2 = 1\}$ ³
be the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Consider $w=0$ plane as a copy of \mathbb{C}
 $(x, y, 0) \leftrightarrow z = x + iy$.

let $\varphi_1: X \setminus \{(0, 0, 1)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the projection from $(0, 0, 1)$
onto the $w=0$ plane followed by the identification with \mathbb{C} .



$$\varphi_1(x, y, w) = \frac{x}{1-w} + i \frac{y}{1-w}$$

The inverse is $\varphi_1^{-1}(z) = \left(\frac{2 \operatorname{Re}(z)}{|z|^2 + 1}, \frac{2 \operatorname{Im}(z)}{|z|^2 + 1}, \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|^2 + 1} \right)$

This shows that φ_1 is a homeomorphism $X \setminus \{(0, 0, 1)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

let φ_2 be projection from $(0, 0, -1)$ follow by complex conjugation.

$$\varphi_2: X \setminus \{(0, 0, -1)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \varphi_2(x, y, w) = \frac{x}{1+w} - i \frac{y}{1+w}$$

$$\varphi_2^{-1}(\bar{z}) = \left(\frac{2 \operatorname{Re}(z)}{|z|^2 + 1}, \frac{-2 \operatorname{Im}(z)}{|z|^2 + 1}, \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|z|^2 + 1} \right)$$

The overlap of the domains is $X \setminus \{(0, 0, \pm 1)\}$

$$\text{and } \varphi_1(X \setminus \{(0, 0, \pm 1)\}) = \varphi_2(X \setminus \{(0, 0, \pm 1)\}) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$$

the transition function $T: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ is $T(z) = \frac{1}{z}$

Since this function is a holomorphic diffeomorphism, these charts are compatible. Since their domains cover X , this is an atlas. Thus we have found a way of making $X = S^2$ into a Riemann surface.

Technical point: Equivalence classes of atlases, maximal atlases.

Giving a space X with an atlas A is one way of presenting a Riemann surface, but what is a Riemann surface?

The issue is, if we have an atlas, and we add a new chart that is compatible with all the charts in the atlas, this should really be the "same" Riemann surface.

Definition: Atlases A and A' on X are equivalent if every chart of A is compatible with every chart of A' .

Definition An atlas A is maximal if, whenever A' is equivalent to A , then $A' \subset A$. I.e., every chart compatible with A is already in A .

Lemma Every atlas is equivalent to a unique maximal atlas.

Definition α : A Riemann surface is a separable metrizable topological space together with an equivalence class of atlases.

Definition β : A Riemann surface is a separable metrizable topological space together with a maximal atlas.

Every α -Riemann surface corresponds to a unique β -Riemann surface and vice versa. You choose which is the "official" definition.

Each atlas A on X determines a unique Riemann surface (with either definition).

- Other variations on the definition: requiring connectedness, weakening the 2nd-countability condition, equivalent pointset-topological assumptions, etc.

Other kinds of manifolds: A Riemann surface is a "one-dimensional complex manifold."

Other kinds of manifolds can be defined in a completely parallel way by changing the notion of chart and the notion of compatibility. The business about atlases is then formally identical.

Type of manifold	Chart φ maps $U \subset X$ to —	Transition $T = \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_0^{-1}$ is —
topological	\mathbb{R}^n	homeomorphism
smooth C^∞	\mathbb{R}^n	C^∞ diffeomorphism
real analytic	\mathbb{R}^n	real analytic diffeo.
complex	\mathbb{C}^n	complex analytic diffeo
oriented	\mathbb{R}^n	Jacobian > 0
PL	\mathbb{R}^n	Piecewise linear homeo.
Affine	\mathbb{R}^n	Affine linear transformation
with volume measure	\mathbb{R}^n	Jacobian $= \pm 1$ (Moser)
symplectic	\mathbb{R}^{2n}	symplectic diffeo (Darboux)

It is now interesting to note that if we identify

$$\mathbb{C} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$z = x+iy \leftrightarrow (x, y)$$

then a holomorphic diffeomorphism between open sets in \mathbb{C} is also a C^∞ -diffeomorphism between open sets in \mathbb{R}^2 (but the converse is not true)

Thus any Riemann surface (X, A) determines a smooth 2-manifold, but not vice versa. Indeed, several Riemann surfaces will determine the same smooth 2-manifold.

Also the Jacobian of a holomorphic diffeomorphism is always positive: $z = T(w)$
using $(\operatorname{Re}(z), \operatorname{Im}(z))$ and $(\operatorname{Re}(w), \operatorname{Im}(w))$ as real coords,
we have

$$\text{Jacobian} = |T'(w)|^2 > 0$$

This means that a Riemann surface also has a preferred orientation and is orientable in particular.

Suppose now X is compact. Then the associated real 2-manifold is a compact orientable surface (2-manifold). Compact orientable surfaces can be classified.

For each $g \geq 0$, there is a surface Σ_g



Every compact orientable surface is homeomorphic to Σ_g for some g .