

# MATH 612 FINAL PROJECT

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ABSTRACT. This is based on the book *4-Manifolds and Kirby Calculus* by Robert E. Gompf and Andras I. Stipsicz.

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## 1. MANIFOLDS

**Definition 1.1.** A topological manifold is a separable Hausdorff space such that every point has a neighborhood which is homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ . Each pair  $(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$  containing a neighborhood and a homeomorphism is called a chart, and a collection of charts covering the manifold is called an atlas of the manifold.

**Definition 1.2.** A topological manifold is called a  $C^r$ -manifold if, for every pair of charts in the given atlas, the transition function  $\phi_\alpha \circ \phi_\beta^{-1}$  is  $C^r$ .

This definition makes sense because  $\phi_\alpha \circ \phi_\beta^{-1}$  maps  $U_\beta$  into  $U_\alpha$ , both of which are open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ , thus the usual calculus definition of  $C^r$  is applied. More rigorously, a  $C^r$ -manifold is  $(X, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{A})$  where  $X$  is the set,  $\mathcal{T}$  is the set of open subsets of  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{A}$  is the atlas of  $X$ . However, just like we normally say a topological space  $X$  instead of  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ , we normally just say a  $C^r$ -manifold  $X$  without specifying the atlas.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $X, X'$  be  $C^r$ -manifolds. Then a map  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  is called a  $C^r$ -map if  $\phi_\alpha \circ f \circ \phi_\beta^{-1}$  is  $C^r$  for  $\alpha, \beta$ . Moreover,  $f$  is called a  $C^r$ -diffeomorphism if  $f$  is bijective and both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are  $C^r$ -maps.

Again, in this definition, the usual calculus definition of  $C^r$  is used for  $\phi_\alpha \circ f \circ \phi_\beta^{-1}$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $X$  be a topological manifold. Let  $A, A'$  be two atlases of  $X$  such that  $(X, A)$  and  $(X, A')$  are both  $C^r$  manifolds. The two structures are called isotopic if the “identity” map  $(X, A) \mapsto (X, A')$  is isotopic to a  $C^r$ -diffeomorphism between  $(X, A)$  and  $(X, A')$ .

We will usually consider structures up to isotopy.

**Example 1.5.** TODO Examples of isotopic structures.

**Definition 1.6.** A compact manifold with no boundary is said to be closed.

**Definition 1.7.** A space  $X$  is said to be a singular manifold if the complement of a finite subset of  $X$  is a smooth manifold.

**Definition 1.8.** TODO Tangent bundle