

Riemann surfaces

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Example (3) Riemann surface to make the multivalued function

$$y = (1 - x^3)^{1/3}$$

single valued:

$$X \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} : x^3 + y^3 = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & & (x, y) \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C} & & x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{(x, y) \mapsto y} & \mathbb{C} \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \uparrow \\ \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{y = (1 - x^2)^{1/3}} & \end{array}$$

X is a manifold:

Local coords at a point $(x_0, y_0) \in X$:

$y_0 \neq 0$: $x \mapsto (x, y)$, where $y = \text{branch of } (1 - x^3)^{1/3}$ which $= y_0$, when $x = x_0$.

$y_0 = 0$: y
(then $x_0 \neq 0$)

Compatibility of coord charts:

If $x_0 \neq 0$, $y_0 \neq 0$, then

$(1 - x^3)^{1/3}$ has holom branch $= y_0$ when $x = x_0$;
 $(1 - y^3)^{1/3}$ " " " " " " $y = y_0$

Note x, y are both holom fns on X .

E.g., x :

at (x_0, y_0) , $y_0 \neq 0$, x is local coord

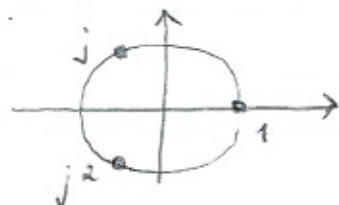
" " " " $y_0 = 0$, $x = (1 - y^3)^{1/3}$

local coord

On X , $y = (1 - x^3)^{1/3}$ single-valued holom. in x .

X has 3 points over each pt. of \mathbb{C} (3 sheets)

coincide if $x = 1, j, j^2$, $j = e^{2\pi i/3}$



We can extend X to a Riemann surface over $S^2 = P^1(\mathbb{C})$:

Recall $P^2(\mathbb{C}) : [x, y, z]$ homog. coords.

$$\mathbb{C}^2 = \{ [x, y, 1] \}$$

Complex curve at $\infty : \{ z = 0 \} = P^1(\mathbb{C})$

Complex curve $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$ in $P^2(\mathbb{C})$

obtained by homogenizing the

affine curve $x^3 + y^3 = 1$:

$$\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^3 = 1$$

This defines Hausdorff space $X' \subset P^2(\mathbb{C})$

Manifold structure: Problems 5, #4.

X can be identified with subspace of X' :

$$(x, y) \mapsto [x, y, 1]$$

X' consists of X together with

3 points "at infinity" :

$$[1, -1, 0], [j, -1, 0], [j^2, -1, 0]$$

Remark $X' : x^3 + y^3 = z^3$

is a smooth cubic curve, so it can be parametrized by the Weierstrass p -function!

X' can be written in Weierstrass normal form
 $y^2 = 4x^3 - 20a_2x - 28a_4$
 after a homogeneous linear transformation:

Substitute

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \xi + \eta \\ y &= \xi - \eta \\ z &= \zeta \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\xi + \eta)^3 + (\xi - \eta)^3 &= \zeta^3 \\ \text{i.e.} \quad 2\xi^3 + 6\xi\eta^2 &= \zeta^3 \end{aligned}$$

Do homogeneous w.r.t. ξ : (i.e., look in appropriate word chart)

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + 6\eta^2 &= \zeta^3 \\ \text{or} \quad 6\eta^2 &= \zeta^3 - 2 \end{aligned}$$

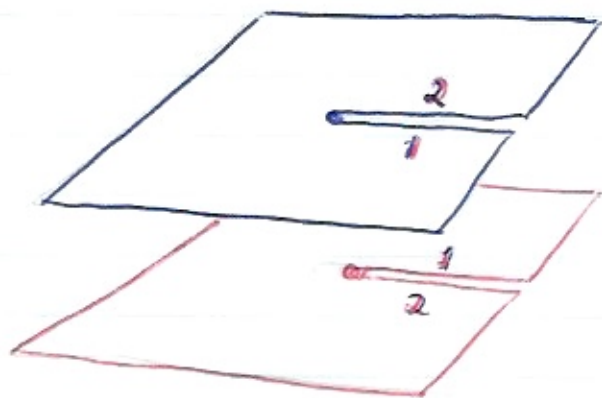
After homogeneous linear change of variable:

$$y^2 = \underbrace{x^3 - 1}_{3 \text{ distinct roots}}$$

Exercise Explicitly find the lattice such that the cubic curve $x^3 + y^3 = 1$ is parametrized by the corresponding Weierstrass p -function.

Construction of Riemann surfaces
by cutting and pasting.

$$y = x^{1/2}$$



$$y = (1 - x^3)^{1/3}$$

