MATH 518 Notes

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Definition 1.1. Let M be a topological space. An *atlas* on M is a collection $\{\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \to W_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ of homeomorphisms called *coordinate charts*, so that

1. $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ is an open cover of M,
2. for all $\alpha \in A$, W_α is an open subset of some $\mathbb{R}^{n_\alpha}$,
3. for all $\alpha, \beta \in A$, the induced map $\varphi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1}|_{U_\alpha \cap U_\beta}$ is C^∞, i.e., smooth.

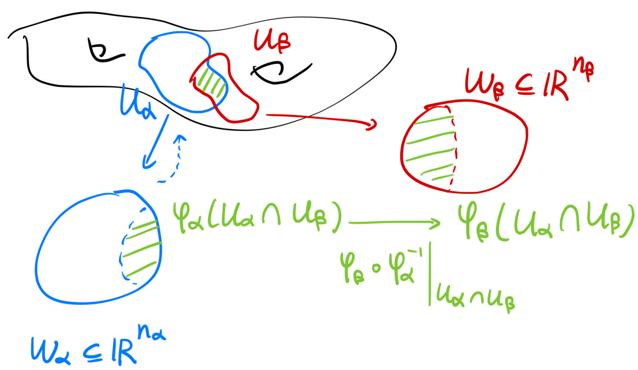

Figure 1: Atlas and Coordinate Chart

Example 1.2. Let $M = \mathbb{R}^n$ be equipped with standard topology, and let $A = \{*\}$, so $U_* = \mathbb{R}^n$ is the open cover of itself. Now the identity map

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_* : U_* &\to \mathbb{R}^n \\ u &\mapsto u \end{aligned}$$

is an atlas on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Example 1.3. Let $M = S^1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ be equipped with subspace topology. Let $U_\alpha = S^1 \backslash \{(1, 0)\}$ and $U_\beta = S^1 \backslash \{(-1, 0)\}$, and let $A = \{\alpha, \beta\}$. Let $W_\alpha = (0, 2\pi)$ and $W_\beta = (-\pi, \pi)$. We define $\varphi_\alpha^{-1}(\theta) = (\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta))$ and $\varphi_\beta^{-1}(\theta) = (\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta))$, then

$$(\varphi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1})(\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta, 0 < \theta < \pi \\ \theta - 2\pi, \pi < \theta < 2\pi \end{cases}$$

is smooth.

Example 1.4. Let X be a topological space with discrete topology, and let $A = X$, then $\{\varphi_x : \{x\} \to \mathbb{R}^0\}_{x\in X}$ gives an atlas.

Example 1.5. Let V be a finite-dimensional real vector space of dimension n. Pick a basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ of V, then there is a linear bijection φ with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n &\to V \\ (x_1, \dots, x_n) &\mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i v_i. \end{aligned}$$

The topology on V needs to make φ^{-1} a homeomorphism, and the obvious choice is just the collection of preimages, namely

$$\mathcal{T} = \{\varphi^{-1}(W) \mid W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \text{ open}\},$$

then $\varphi : V \to \mathbb{R}^n$ becomes an atlas.

Definition 1.6. Two atlases $\{\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \to W_\alpha\}_{\alpha\in A}$ and $\{\psi_\beta : V_\beta \to O_\beta\}_{\beta\in B}$ on a topological space M are *equivalent* if for all $\alpha \in A$ and $\beta \in B$,

$$\psi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1} : \varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap V_\beta) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_\alpha} \to \psi_\beta(U_\alpha \cap V_\beta) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_\beta}$$

is always C^∞, with C^∞-inverses. Such continuous maps are called *diffeomorphisms*. Alternatively, the two atlases are equivalent if their union $\{\varphi_\alpha\}_{\alpha\in A} \cup \{\psi_\beta\}_{\beta\in B}$ is always an atlas.

Exercise 1.7. Equivalence of atlases is an equivalence condition.

Definition 1.8. A (smooth) *manifold* is a topological space together with an equivalence class of atlases.

Convention. All manifolds are assumed to be smooth of C^∞, but not necessarily *Haudorff* and/or *second countable*.

Example 1.9. Continuing from Example 1.5, now suppose $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ gives another basis of V, with

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n &\to V \\ (y_1, \dots, y_n) &\mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i w_i. \end{aligned}$$

This gives a change-of-basis matrix, so it is automatically C^∞ as a multiplication of invertible matrices. Therefore, the topology here does not depend on the chosen basis.

Recall. A topological space X is *Hausdorff* if for all distinct points $x, y \in X$, there exists open neighborhoods $U \ni x$ and $V \ni y$ such that $U \cap V = \varnothing$.

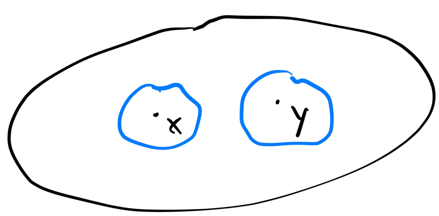

Figure 2: Hausdorff Condition

Convention. Via our definition (Definition 1.8), not all manifolds are Hausdorff.

Example 1.10. Let $Y = \mathbb{R} \times \{0, 1\}$, i.e., a space with two parallel lines, with a fixed topology. Define $\sim$ to be the smallest equivalence relation on Y such that $(x, 0) \sim (x, 1)$ for $x \neq 0$, and define $X = Y/\sim$. X is called the *line with two origins*, and it is second countable but not Hausdorff.

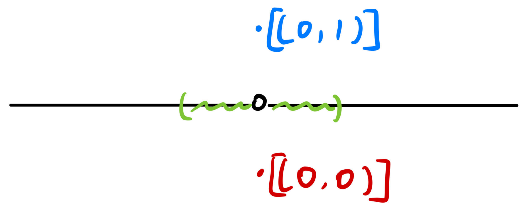

Figure 3: Line with Two Origins

Example 1.11. Take charts

$$\begin{aligned}\{\varphi : M = \mathbb{R} &\to \mathbb{R}\}\\ x &\mapsto x\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\{\psi : M = \mathbb{R} &\to \mathbb{R}\}\\ x &\mapsto x^3\end{aligned}$$

on $M = \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi \circ \psi^{-1} : \mathbb{R} &\to \mathbb{R}\\ x &\mapsto x^{\frac{1}{3}}\end{aligned}$$

is not C^∞, so φ and ψ are two different charts, hence give two different manifolds.

Definition 1.12. A map $F : M \to N$ between two manifolds is *smooth* if

1. F is continuous, and
2. for all charts $\varphi : U \to \mathbb{R}^m$ on M and charts $\psi : V \to \mathbb{R}^n$ on N, $\psi^{-1} \circ F \circ \varphi|_{\varphi(U \cap F^{-1}(V))}$ is C^∞.

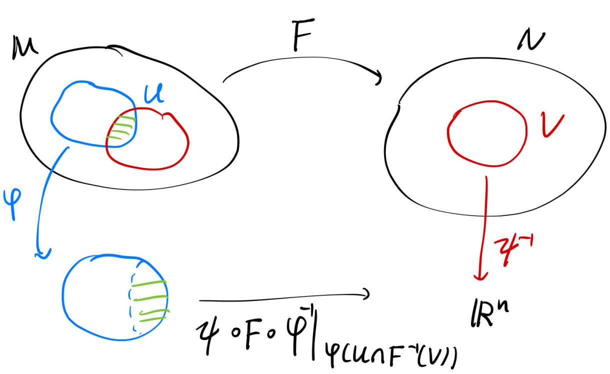

Figure 4: Smooth Map between Manifolds

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Exercise 2.1. 1. $\mathrm{id} : M \to M$ is smooth.

2. If $f : M \to N$ and $g : N \to Q$ are smooth maps between manifolds, then so is $gf : M \to Q$.

Punchline. The manifolds and the smooth maps between manifolds form a category.

Recall. A smooth map $f : M \to N$ is called a *diffeomorphism*, as seen in Definition 1.6, if it has a smooth inverse. This is the notion of an isomorphism in the category of manifolds.

Warning.

1. Following Example 1.11,
$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R} &\to \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto x^3 \end{aligned}$$
has an inverse
$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1} : \mathbb{R} &\to \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto x^{\frac{1}{3}}, \end{aligned}$$
but f^{-1} is not differentiable at $x = 0$. Hence, f is not a diffeomorphism.

2. Take $\mathbb{R}$ with discrete topology, then all singletons are open sets, then the map
$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R}_{\text{dis}} &\to \mathbb{R}_{\text{std}} \\ x &\mapsto x \end{aligned}$$
is a smooth bijection, but f^{-1} is not continuous.

Example 2.2. Consider $M = (\mathbb{R}, \{\psi = \mathrm{id} : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}\})$ and $N = (\mathbb{R}, \{\psi : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto x^3\})$ as two manifolds on $\mathbb{R}$ with standard topology. To see that they are equivalent, consider the homeomorphism
$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R} &\to \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto x^{\frac{1}{3}}, \end{aligned}$$
then $(\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(x) = \psi(f(x)) = (x^{\frac{1}{3}})^3 = x$, so f is smooth, and $(\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})^{-1} = \varphi \circ f^{-1} \circ \psi^{-1} = \mathrm{id}$, therefore f^{-1} is also smooth. Hence, f is a diffeomorphism.

We will now consider the real projective space $\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ and the quotient map $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\} \to \mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$.

Definition 2.3. Define a binary relation on $\mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\}$ by $v_1 \sim v_2$ if and only if there exists $\lambda \neq 0$ such that $v_1 = \lambda v_2$. This is an equivalence relation, and we identify the equivalence class $[v]$ of $v \in \mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\}$ as a line $\mathbb{R}v = \mathrm{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{v\}$ through v. Then we define the *real projective space* $\mathbb{R}P^{n-1} = (\mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\}) / \sim$.

The natural topology on $\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ is the quotient topology, where $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\} \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ is surjective and continuous, so we define $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ to be open if and only if $\pi^{-1}(U)$ is open in $\mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\}$.

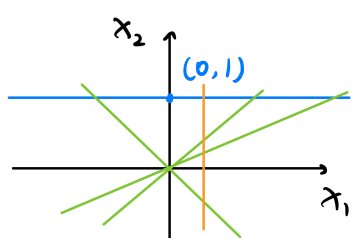

Figure 5: Stereographical Projection

Claim 2.4. $\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ is a manifold.

Proof. Define
$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_i : U_i &\to \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \\ [v_1, \ldots, v_n] &\mapsto \left(\frac{v_1}{v_i}, \ldots, \frac{v_{i-1}}{v_i}, \frac{v_{i+1}}{v_i}, \ldots, \frac{v_n}{v_i} \right), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_i^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^{n-1} &\mapsto U_i \\ (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) &\mapsto [(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 1, x_i, \dots, x_{n-1})],\end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1} : \varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j) &\to \varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j) \\ (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) &\mapsto \varphi_j([(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 1, x_i, \dots, x_{n-1})]) \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\frac{x_1}{x_j}, \dots, \frac{x_{j-1}}{x_j}, \frac{x_{j+1}}{x_j}, \dots, \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_j}\right), & j < i \\ (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), & j = i \\ \left(\frac{x_1}{x_{j-1}}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_{j-1}}, \dots, \frac{x_{j-2}}{x_{j-1}}, \frac{x_j}{x_{j-1}}, \dots, \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_{j-1}}\right), & j > i \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, this is C^∞ as a rational map on $\varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j)$, and so this gives an atlas, hence $\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ is a manifold. $\square$

Claim 2.5. $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\} \to \mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ is smooth.

Proof. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\} &\hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ x &\mapsto x\end{aligned}$$

is an atlas on $\mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\}$, and

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_i \circ \pi \circ \varphi_i^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n \backslash \{0\} &\to \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \\ (v_1, \dots, v_n) &\mapsto \varphi_i([(v_1, \dots, v_n)]) \\ &= \left(\frac{v_1}{v_i}, \dots, \frac{v_{i-1}}{v_i}, \frac{v_{i+1}}{v_i}, \dots, \frac{v_n}{v_i}\right).\end{aligned}$$

This is C^∞ on $\pi^{-1}(U_i) = \{(v_1, \dots, v_n) \mid v_i \neq 0\}$, so π is smooth. $\square$

Definition 2.6. A *smooth function* on a manifold M is a function $f : M \to \mathbb{R}$ so that for any coordinate chart $\varphi : U \to \varphi(U)$ open in $\mathbb{R}^m$, the function $f \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \to \mathbb{R}$ is smooth.

Remark 2.7. $f : M \to \mathbb{R}$ is smooth if and only if $f : M \to (\mathbb{R}, \{\mathrm{id} : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}\})$, usually called the *standard manifold structure on* $\mathbb{R}$, is smooth.

Notation. We denote $C^\infty(M)$ to be the set of all smooth functions $f : M \to \mathbb{R}$.

Remark 2.8. $C^\infty(M)$ is a smooth $\mathbb{R}$-vector space, that is, for all $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$,

- $(\lambda f + \mu g)(x) = \lambda f(x) + \mu g(x)$ for all $x \in M$,
- $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x)g(x)$ for all $x \in M$.

Therefore, $C^\infty(M)$ becomes a (commutative, associative) $\mathbb{R}$-algebra.

Fact. Connecting manifolds have the notion of dimension. That is, the dimensions of open subsets induced by coordinate charts are the same.

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Definition 3.1. Let M be a manifold, then for every point $q \in M$, there exists a well-defined non-negative integer $\dim_M(q)$, so that for any coordinate chart $\varphi : U \to \mathbb{R}^m$ for $U \ni q$, we have $\dim_M(q) = m$ for some non-negative integer m that only depend on M. Consequently, $\dim_M : M \to \mathbb{Z}^{\geqslant 0}$ is a locally constant function. This integer m is called the *dimension* of M.

Proof. Indeed, say $\psi : V \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is another chart with $U \cap V \ni q$, then $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}|_{\varphi(U\cap V)} : \varphi(U \cap V) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \to \psi(U \cap V) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a diffeomorphism, therefore the Jacobian $D(\psi \circ \varphi^{-1})(\varphi(a)) : \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear isomorphism, thus $m = n$. ☐

Definition 3.2. Suppose $(M, \{\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \to \mathbb{R}^m\}_{\alpha\in A})$ and $(N, \{\psi_\alpha : V_\beta \to \mathbb{R}^n\}_{\beta\in B})$ are two manifolds. One can give a manifold structure to the product set $M \times N$, called the *product manifold*, as follows:

- give $M \times N$ the product topology,
- let $\{\varphi_\alpha \times \psi_\beta : U_\alpha \times V_\beta \to \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n\}_{(\alpha,\beta)\in A\times B}$ to be the atlas on $M \times N$. This is well-defined since the transition maps of $\alpha, \alpha' \in A$ and $\beta, \beta' \in B$ are over $(U_\alpha \times V_\beta) \cap U_{\alpha'} \times V_{\beta'} = (U_\alpha \cap U_{\alpha'}) \times (V_\beta \cap V_{\beta'})$ with $(\varphi_{\alpha'} \times \psi_{\beta'}) \circ (\varphi_\alpha \times \psi_\beta)^{-1} = (\varphi_{\alpha'} \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1}, \psi_{\beta'} \circ \psi_\beta^{-1})$. This is smooth since products of smooth maps are smooth.

Punchline. The product construction of manifolds gives the categorical product in the category of manifolds.

Property.

1. The projection maps

$$\begin{aligned} p_M : M \times N &\to M \\ (m, n) &\mapsto m \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} p_N : M \times N &\to N \\ (m, n) &\mapsto n \end{aligned}$$

are C^∞.

2. *Universal Property of Product*: for any manifold Q and smooth maps $f_M : Q \to M$ and $f_N : Q \to N$, there exists a unique map

$$\begin{aligned} g : Q &\to M \times N \\ q &\mapsto (f(q), g(q)) \end{aligned}$$

such that $p_M \circ g = f_M$, and $p_N \circ g = f_N$.

$$\begin{tikzcd} & Q \arrow[dl, bend right, "f_M"'] \arrow[d, dashed, "g", "\exists!"'] \arrow[dr, bend left, "f_N"] & \\ M & M \times N \arrow[l, "p_M"] \arrow[r, "p_N"'] & N \end{tikzcd}$$

Figure 6: Universal Property of Product

Recall.

- A topological space X is *second countable* if the topology has a countable basis: there exists a collection $\mathcal{B} = \{B_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$ of open sets so that any open set of X is a union of some B_i's.
- A cover $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha\in A}$ of a topological space is *locally finite* if for all $x \in X$, there exists a neighborhood N of X such that $N \cap U_\alpha = \varnothing$ for all but finitely many α's.

Example 3.3. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$, then

- $\{U_n = (-n, n)\}_{n\geqslant 0}$ is an open cover, but is not locally finite,
- $\{U_n = (n, n + 2)\}_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is a locally finite open cover of $\mathbb{R}$,
- $\{U_n = (n, n + 2]\}_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is a locally finite cover of $\mathbb{R}$, but is not an open cover.

Recall. An (open) cover $\{V_\beta\}_{\beta\in B}$ is a *refinement* of a cover $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha\in A}$ if for all β, there exists $\alpha = \alpha(\beta)$ such that $V_\beta \subseteq U_{\alpha(\beta)}$.

Definition 3.4. A Hausdorff topological space is *paracompact* if every open cover has a locally finite open refinement.

Fact. A connected Hausdorff manifold is paracompact if and only if it is second countable.

Corollary 3.5. A Haudorff manifold is paracompact if and only if its connected components are second countable.

Example 3.6. $\mathbb{R}$ with discrete topology is paracompact but not second countable.

Convention. Usually, we assume manifolds are paracompact, except when we need a non-Haudorff manifold. This condition is required for the existence of *partition of unity* (i.e., constant function id).

Recall. If X is a space, and $Y \subseteq X$ is a subset, then the *closure* $\bar{Y}$ of Y is the smallest closed set containing Y.

Definition 3.7. Given a topological space X and a function $f : X \to \mathbb{R}$, the *support* of f over X is

$$\operatorname{supp}(f) = \overline{\{x \in X \mid f(x) \neq 0\}}.$$

Example 3.8. The function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x}}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leqslant 0 \end{cases}$$

is C^∞, with support $\overline{(0,\infty)} = [0,\infty)$.

Definition 3.9. Let M be a topological space and let $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha\in A}$ be an open cover. A *partition of unity* subordinate to the cover is a collection of continuous functions $\{\psi_\alpha : M \to [0,1]\}_{\alpha\in A}$ such that

1. $\operatorname{supp}(\psi_\alpha) \subseteq U_\alpha$ for all $\alpha \in A$,
2. $\{\operatorname{supp}(\psi_\alpha)\}_{\alpha\in A}$ is a locally finite closed cover of M,
3. $\sum\limits_{\alpha\in A} \psi_\alpha(x) = 1$ for all $x \in M$.

Remark 3.10. For all $x \in M$, there exists $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$ such that $x \in \operatorname{supp}(\psi_{\alpha_i})$. Hence, for $\alpha \neq \alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$, $\psi_\alpha(x) = 0$. Therefore, the summation in Definition 3.9 is finite.

Theorem 3.11. Let M be a paracompact manifold with open cover $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha\in A}$, then there exists a partition of unity $\{\psi_\alpha : U_\alpha \to [0,1]\}_{\alpha\in A} \subseteq C^\infty(M)$ subordinate to the cover.