

Recall An n -dimensional topological manifold is a topological space M such that

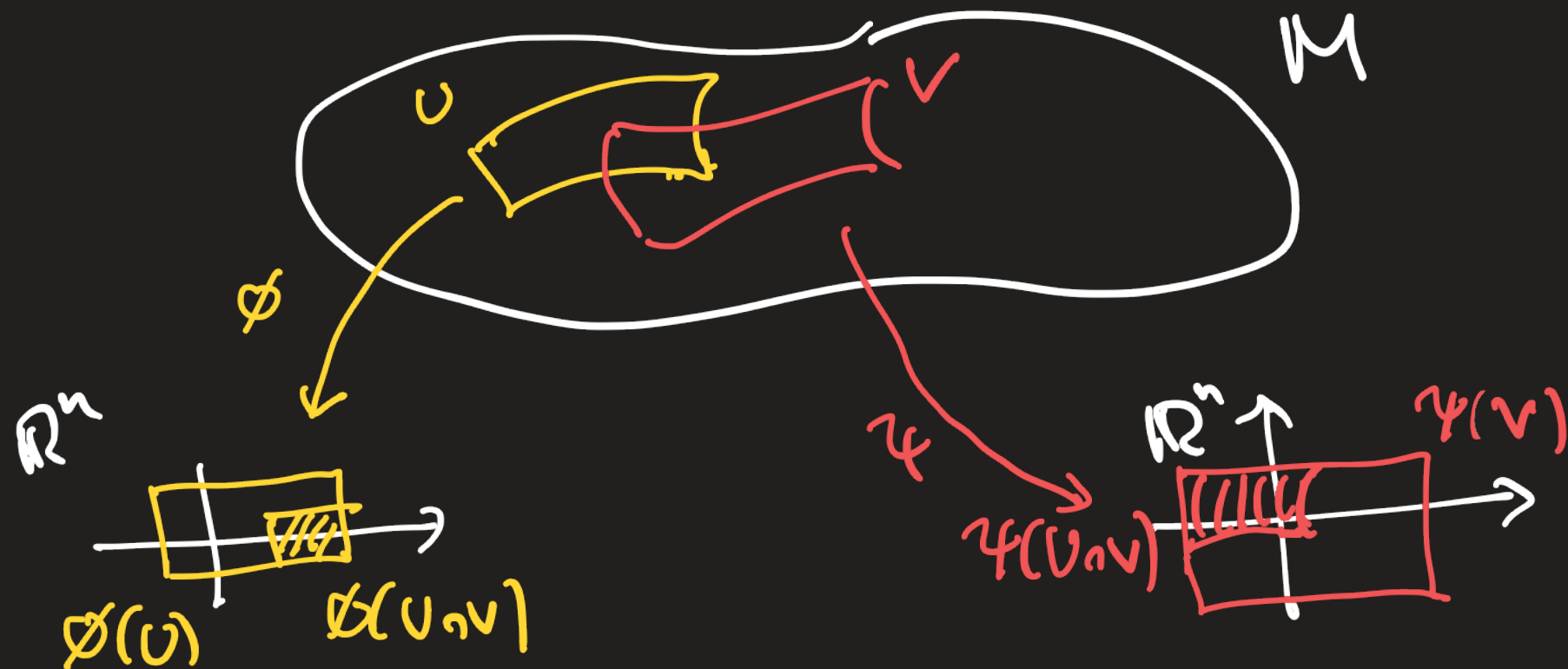
- (i) For each $p \in M$, there exists a neighborhood $p \in U \subseteq M$ and a homeomorphism $\phi: U \rightarrow U' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, where $U' = \phi(U)$ is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n
- (ii) M is second countable
- (iii) M is Hausdorff.

Recall A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ between topological spaces X and Y is continuous if:

$$V \subseteq Y \text{ open} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X \text{ open}$$

A continuous function is a homeomorphism if it is a bijection and the inverse is also continuous.

Let M be topological manifold.
 Consider charts (U, ϕ) , (V, ψ) on M .



Def ϕ and ψ are C^∞ compatible if the transition functions

$$\phi(U \cap V) \xrightarrow{\phi^{-1}} U \cap V \xrightarrow{\psi} \psi(U \cap V) \quad \text{are } C^\infty.$$

$$\psi(U \cap V) \xrightarrow{\psi^{-1}} U \cap V \xrightarrow{\phi} \phi(U \cap V) \quad (\text{hence diffeomorphisms})$$

Def A C^∞ atlas on a topological manifold M is a collection of charts $\{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\}$ such that $M = \bigcup U_\alpha$ and the charts are pairwise C^∞ compatible.

Ex $M = S^1$



$$U_1^+ = \{(x, y) : x > 0\}, \quad U_1^- = \{(x, y) : x < 0\}$$

$$U_2^+ = \{(x, y) : y > 0\}, \quad U_2^- = \{(x, y) : y < 0\}.$$

$$(0, 1) = \phi_1^+(U_1^+ \cap U_2^+) \xrightarrow{(\phi_1^+)^{-1}} U_1^+ \cap U_2^+ \xrightarrow{\phi_2^+} \phi_2^+(U_1^+ \cap U_2^+) = (0, 1) \\ t \longmapsto (\sqrt{1-t^2}, t) \longmapsto \frac{t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \in C^\infty.$$

Similarly, one can check that the other transition functions are C^∞ .

We have thus defined a C^∞ atlas on S^1 .

A C^∞ atlas $\mathcal{M} = \{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\}$ is maximal if for any other C^∞ atlas \mathcal{M}' on M such that $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}'$, we have $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}'$.

Def • A smooth (or C^∞) n -dimensional manifold is an n -dimensional topological manifold together with a maximal C^∞ atlas.

• A maximal C^∞ atlas is also called a differentiable structure.

Prop Any C^∞ atlas on a topological manifold is contained in a unique maximal C^∞ atlas.

Proof Let $\{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\}$ be a C^∞ atlas on M .

Let \mathcal{M} be the set of all charts (U, ϕ) that are C^∞ compatible with all the charts (U_α, ϕ_α) .

Claim \mathcal{M} is a C^∞ atlas.

Given charts (U, ϕ) and (V, ψ) that are C^∞ compatible with all the charts (U_α, ϕ_α) . Must show that

$$\phi(U \cap V) \xrightarrow{\phi^{-1}} U \cap V \xrightarrow{\psi} \psi(U \cap V) \text{ is } C^\infty.$$

Let $P \in U \cap V$, choose a chart (U_α, ϕ_α) st. $P \in U_\alpha$.

Then $P \in U \cap V \cap U_\alpha$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi(U \cap V \cap U_\alpha) & \xleftarrow{\phi} & U \cap V \cap U_\alpha \xrightarrow{\psi} \psi(U \cap V \cap U_\alpha) \\ & & \downarrow \phi_\alpha \\ & & \phi_\alpha(U \cap V \cap U_\alpha) \end{array}$$

Then $\psi \circ \phi^{-1} = (\psi \circ \phi_\alpha^{-1}) \circ (\phi_\alpha \circ \phi^{-1})$ C^∞ on $\phi(U \cap V \cap U_\alpha)$

Clearly \mathcal{M} is maximal by construction.

If \mathcal{M}' is another maximal atlas that contains $\{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\}$ then $\mathcal{M}' \subseteq \mathcal{M}$, hence $\mathcal{M}' = \mathcal{M}$ by maximality \square

Consequence We can specify a smooth manifold by finding some C^∞ atlas

Ex $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a C^∞ function.

Graph of f : $\Gamma(f) = \{ (x, f(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : x \in U \}$



Let $\phi: \Gamma(f) \rightarrow U$, $(x, f(x)) \mapsto x$ homeomorphism

Hence $\{\phi\}$ defines an atlas on $\Gamma(f)$ with a single chart. This makes $\Gamma(f)$ a C^∞ manifold.

Remark: Keruaire proved (~1960) that there exist topological manifolds for which there is no C^∞ compatible atlas - Keruaire's example has dimension 10.