

today: 1) some history
2) group theory

More History of Manifolds

what does $x^4 - 4x^2 + y^2 + 1 = 0$ look like?

$$y^2 = -(x^2(x - 2)(x + 2) + 1)$$

very negative x	no real solns for y
$x = -2$	no real solns
$x = -1$	$y = \pm\sqrt{2}$
$x = 0$	no real solns
$x = 1$	$y = \pm\sqrt{2}$
$x = 2$	no real solns
very positive x	no real solns

[draw graph]

this is a manifold of dim 1

what does $x^4 - 4x^2 + y^2 = 0$ look like?

here $x = 0$ yields only one soln $y = 0$

[draw graph]

this is not a manifold: problem at $(0, 0)$

Q in gen'l, consider analytic $F(x, y)$
when does $F(x, y) = 0$ form a manifold?

A need to avoid singular points:
 $F_x(a, b), F_y(a, b) \neq 0$ at all pts (a, b)

Ex if $F = x^4 - 4x^2 + y^2 + C$
then $(F_x, F_y) = (4x^3 - 8x, 2y)$

so $F(x, y) = 0$ forms a manifold
iff $F(0, 0) \neq 0$
iff $C \neq 0$

Implicit Function Thm let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$
consist of (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) s.t.

$$F_1(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m) = 0$$

$$F_2(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m) = 0$$

...

$$F_m(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m) = 0$$

where F_1, \dots, F_m are cts'ly differentiable

let $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m)$ in X

if the Jacobian $(dF_i/dy_j)_{\{i, j\}}$ is invertible
then there exist

an analytic open $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ around \mathbf{a}
cts'ly diff'ble fns $g_1, \dots, g_n : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

s.t.

$$g(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{b} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\{(\mathbf{x}, g(\mathbf{x})) \mid \mathbf{x} \in U\} \subset X$$

i.e., X looks like $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ near (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})

Poincaré's First Defn of a Manifold

set of solns in \mathbb{R}^N to $\mathbf{F}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = 0, \dots$
 $\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_N) > 0, \dots$

for some cts'ly diff'ble $F_1, \dots, F_m, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_\ell$
s.t.

for some choice of $x_{\{k_1\}}, \dots, x_{\{k_m\}}$,
the Jacobian $(dF_i/d_{\{k_j\}})_{\{i, j\}}$ is invertible
at every soln

Ex $F(x_1, x_2) = x_1^4 - 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 1$
 $\Phi(x_1, x_2) = -x_1$

dF/dx_2 is invertible everywhere

$\Phi(x_1, x_2) > 0$ means $x_1 < 0$

i.e., left connected component of $\{F(x_1, x_2) = 0\}$

too rigid: later, Poincaré gave a second defn
 then Weyl + Hausdorff gen'lized

(Munkres 330–331) next goal:
 fundamental groups
 [of manifolds]

Df a group consists of
 a set G
 a function $\bullet : G \times G \rightarrow G$
 called the group law/operation

obeying these rules:

1) (associativity) $(a \bullet b) \bullet c = a \bullet (b \bullet c)$

2) (identity) there is an elt e in G s.t.

$$a \bullet e = a = e \bullet a$$

3) (inversion) for all a in G , there is b in G s.t.

$$a \bullet b = e = b \bullet a$$

Rem we sometimes say G itself is “the group”

Ex $(G, \bullet) = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a group:

- 1) $+$ is associative
- 2) 0 satisfies $a + 0 = a = 0 + a$
- 3) for all a in \mathbb{Z} , have $a + (-a) = 0 = (-a) + a$

Lem in any group (G, \bullet) ,

- 1) the identity elt e is unique
- 2) the elt b s.t. $a \bullet b = e$ is unique to a

Ex $(G, \bullet) = (\mathbb{Z}, \times)$ is not a group:

- 1) \times is associative
- 2) 1 satisfies $a \times 1 = a = 1 \times a$

but 3) fails

even if we replace $e = 1$ with a different e

[any set of numbers that forms a group under \times ?]

Ex $(G, \bullet) = (\mathbb{R}, \times)$ is also not a group
 $(G, \bullet) = (\mathbb{R}_+, \times)$ is a group

- 3) for all a in \mathbb{R}_+ , have $a \times 1/a = 1 = 1/a \times a$
note: $1/a$ in \mathbb{R}_+ as well

Ex let X be any set

is $(G, \bullet) = (\{\text{maps from } X \text{ to itself}\}, \circ)$ a group?

- 1) \circ is associative
 - 2) id_X satisfies $f \circ \text{id}_X = f = \text{id}_X \circ f$
- but 3) fails

$(G, \bullet) = (\{\text{bijections from } X \text{ to itself}\}, \circ)$ is a group!

3) for all f bijective, have two-sided inv f^{-1}

we denote it by $\text{Sym}(X)$

Rem $\text{Sym}(X)$ not commutative, unlike \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{R}_+
i.e. $g \circ f \neq f \circ g$ in general

commutative groups also called abelian groups

Ex let X be any topological space

$(G, \bullet) = (\{\text{homeo's from } X \text{ to itself}\}, \circ)$ is a group

we denote it by $\text{Homeo}(X)$

if X is not discrete

then most elts $\text{Homeo}(X)$ may be hard to describe
[e.g., consider $X = [0, 1]$ or S^1]

Ex pick $0 = a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_k < 1$
 $0 = b_0 < b_1 < \dots < b_k < 1$

there is a unique homeo f from $[0, 1]$ to itself s.t.

$$f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1$$

$$f(a_i) = b_i \text{ for all } i$$

f is linear on $[a_{i-1}, a_i]$ for all i

exercise:

1) if f, g arise this way, then $g \circ f$ is too

2) $\text{id}_{[0, 1]}$ arises this way

3) if f arises this way, then f^{-1} does too

such f 's form a subset of $\text{Homeo}([0, 1])$,
stable under the group law \circ

Df a subgroup of (G, \bullet) is
a group of the form (H, \bullet) , where
 H is a subset of G stable under \bullet
 H contains e

(again writing \bullet for the restricted map $H \times H$ to H)

Ex what subsets of \mathbb{Z} are
stable under $+$
contain 0 ?

if $H \subset \mathbb{Z}$ contains n
then it contains $2n, 3n, \dots$

hence contains the inverses $-n, -2n, -3n, \dots$

Lem if H is a subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$
and H contains some elt n
then $H \supseteq n\mathbb{Z} := \{nk \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Thm if H is a subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$
then $H = m\mathbb{Z}$ for some m