

Last time we defined that $\mathcal{A} = \{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\}$ is a C^r atlas of a manifold M if

- $\{U_\alpha\}$ open cover for M
- $\varphi_\beta \varphi_\alpha^{-1}$ is C^r on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \quad \forall \alpha, \beta$

(M, \mathcal{A}) is called C^r manifold

- note:
- smooth atlas/manifold = C^∞ atlas/manifold
 - just atlas means C^0 atlas (= $\{U_\alpha\}$ open cover)
 - in general atlas is not unique (starting with a top. manifold)
 - any C^k atlas is also a C^l atlas if $k > l$
 - how to check that (U, φ) and (V, ψ) are C^r compatible (i.e., $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$ a C^r diffeomorphism)?
 ↳ check if $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is C^r and injective and Jacobian non-singular
 $\Rightarrow C^r$ compatible by inverse fct. thm.

non-uniqueness usually not a problem:

Def.: A C^r (differentiable) structure on M is a maximal C^r atlas \mathcal{A} (i.e., not contained in any larger C^r atlas).

- note:
- maximal C^r atlas = union of all C^r -equivalent atlases ($\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'$ are C^r equivalent if $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{A}'$ is C^r atlas)
 - one can show: any C^r atlas is contained in exactly one maximal C^r atlas (but a top. manifold might have many such maximal C^r atlases)
 - furthermore: for every C^r structure \exists unique C^r -equivalent C^∞ structure
 \Rightarrow usually we consider smooth manifolds only

Some hard problems: • top. manifold that does not admit any smooth structure (ex. by Kervaire 1960)

• how many smooth structures does n -sphere have?

↳ $n=1,2,3,5,6$: one

↳ $n=4$: unknown

↳ $n=7$: 28 (first ex.: Milnor 1956)

Examples:

• \mathbb{R}^n is a smooth n -manifold, e.g., choose one chart $(\mathbb{R}^n, \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$ (standard smooth structure on \mathbb{R}^n)

• product smooth manifold structure

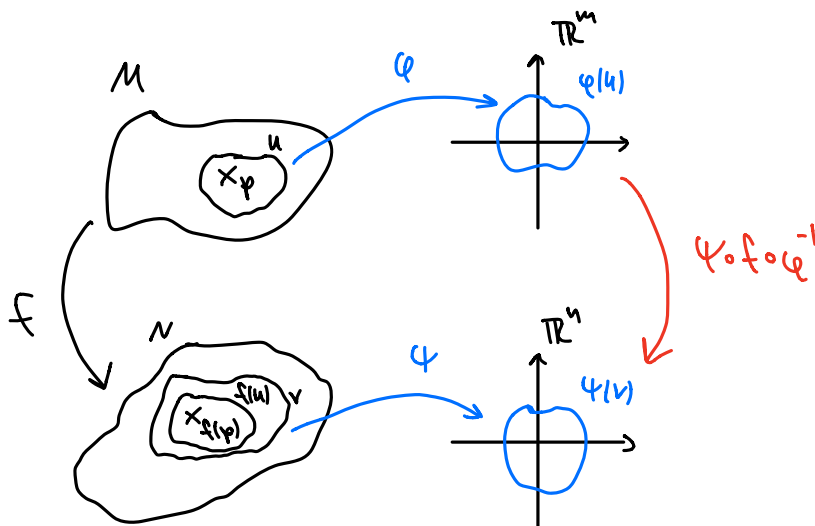
• open subset $U \subset M$ of smooth manifold (M, \mathcal{A})

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_U := \{(V \cap U, \varphi|_{V \cap U}) : (V, \varphi) \in \mathcal{A}\}$, then (U, \mathcal{A}_U) is a smooth manifold

• sphere S^n : use either stereographic projections or direct projections, see HW

• real projective space \mathbb{P}^n : see HW

2.3 Smooth Maps between Manifolds



Def.: Let M, N be smooth manifolds. A map $f: M \rightarrow N$ is smooth at $p \in M$ if there are charts (U, φ) with $p \in U$ and (V, ψ) with $f(p) \in V$ s.t. $f(U) \subset V$ and $\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}: \varphi(U) \rightarrow \psi(V)$ is smooth at $\varphi(p)$.

note: • f smooth $\Leftrightarrow f$ smooth $\forall p \in M$

• $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ smooth $\Rightarrow N = \mathbb{R}^k$, and can choose $V = \mathbb{R}^k$, $\psi = \text{id}$ in def.

• smoothness property independent of choice of chart due to def. of smooth atlas

• simple ex.s: identity $\text{id}: M \rightarrow M$ and constant maps $f: M \rightarrow M$ are smooth