

Some Riemannian Geometry

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Recall I claimed that one could compute Gaussian curvature from metric alone; we can work in terms of Christoffel symbols, etc.

→ recall also I gave an expression for C.S.'s in terms of metric (I) and its derivative

→ we will generalize slightly.

• write g_{ij} for the ij th component of the metric tensor

• Symmetric, P.D. matrix, dimension d , a function of coordinates x_1, \dots, x_d (in the case of surfaces, (x_1, x_2) are the parameters we discussed, $[g_{ij}] \equiv I$ (first ff.))

• at each point of domain $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, we have a Tangent vector space,

Spanned by $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_d} \right\}$

We interpret g_{ij} by.

consider $\underline{a}, \underline{b} \in T_p(U)$
 $\sum_i a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ $\sum_j b_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$ \curvearrowright tangent space at p of U .

then $\langle \underline{a}, \underline{b} \rangle = \sum_{ij} a_i b_j g_{ij}$

is dot product of \underline{a} and \underline{b}

So $[g_{ij}] = g$ is like I — a metric.

$\int_{e}^f \left\langle \frac{\partial c}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} \right\rangle^{1/2} dt$ is length of $c(t)$,
from $t=e$ to $t=f$

$\int_{V \subset U} \det(g) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_d$ is volume of V
(area)

~~Christo~~

Examples: (2D, for now)

① $g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

② $g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{x_2^2} \end{pmatrix}$ for $x_2 > 0$

③ $g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ \frac{1+x_1^2+x_2^2}{1+x_1^2+x_2^2} & \frac{4}{1+x_1^2+x_2^2} \\ 0 & \frac{4}{1+x_1^2+x_2^2} \end{pmatrix}$ $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$

④ $g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 x_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $x_1 \in [0, 2\pi)$ ← closed
 $x_2 \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ← open.

→ notice these are symmetric, PD; but what are they?

→ we can compute Gaussian curvature.

$$K = -\frac{1}{g_{11}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \Gamma_{12}^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \Gamma_{11}^2 + \Gamma_{12}^1 \Gamma_{11}^2 - \Gamma_{11}^1 \Gamma_{12}^2 + \Gamma_{12}^2 \Gamma_{12}^2 - \Gamma_{11}^2 \Gamma_{22}^2 \right]$$

(you could get this from derivations earlier in notes —

but notice (a) something of this sort must be true for surfaces because K is intrinsic

AND I gave expression for C.S.'s in terms of I

(b) easily looked up



recall Γ gave expressions for Christoffel symbols earlier. ④

case ① all $\Gamma_{ij}^k = 0$; $K = 0$

case ② $\Gamma_{11}^1 = 0$
 $\Gamma_{11}^2 = \frac{1}{x_2}$; $K = -1$
 $\Gamma_{12}^1 = -\frac{1}{x_2}$
 $\Gamma_{12}^2 = 0$
 $\Gamma_{22}^1 = 0$
 $\Gamma_{22}^2 = \frac{1}{x_2}$

case ③ should yield $K = 1$

case ④ should also yield $K = 1$

Now: cases 3, 4 suggest we have a problem.

• they appear to be spheres, but there are topological issues — case 1 is missing a point, case 2 at least 2 points.

This motivates the notion of a manifold (5)

Let M be a Hausdorff topological space

*necessary, but not
really an issue
in our lives.*

a C^p atlas on M is given by:

- an open cover U_i $i \in I$ of M
- a family of homeomorphisms ~~ϕ_i~~

$$\phi_i: U_i \rightarrow \Omega_i \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \Omega_i \text{ open.}$$

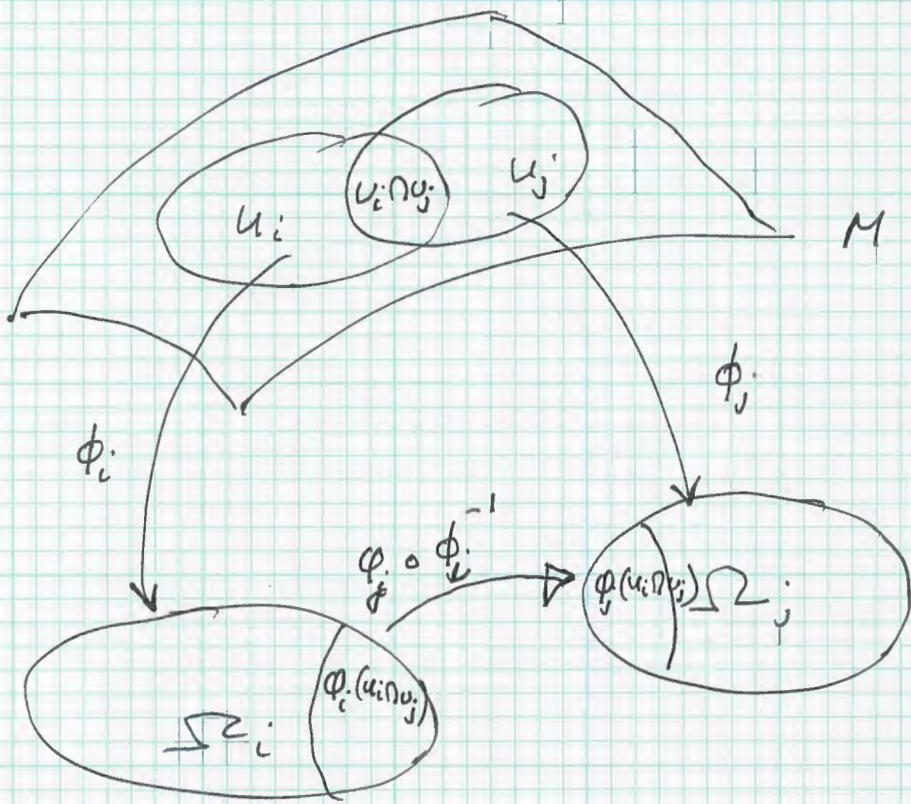
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such that for $i, j \in I$

$\phi_j \circ \phi_i^{-1}$ is C^p diffeomorphism from

$\phi_i(U_i \cap U_j)$ onto $\phi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$

- we call U_i, ϕ_i charts



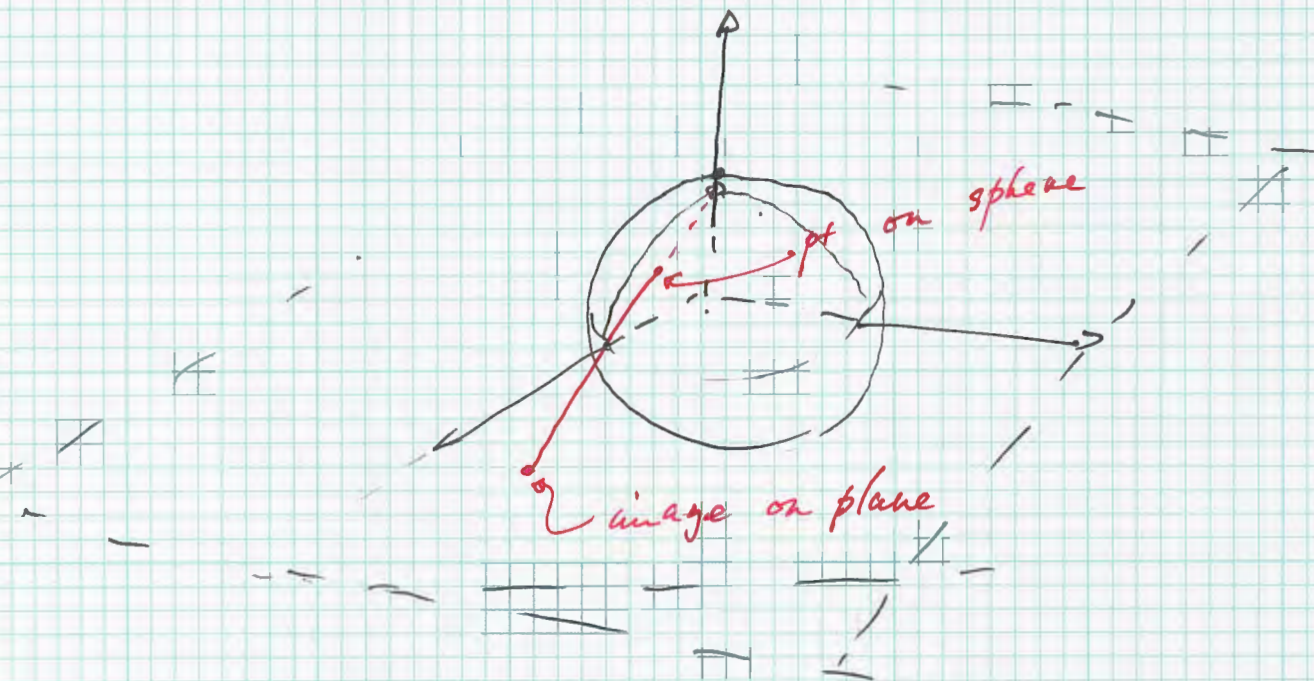
Notice : it doesn't really matter which way ϕ_i goes — there are def'n's the other way (i.e. $\Omega_i \rightarrow U_i$) which we can think of as coordinates on M

Notice : the big issue here is getting overlapping charts to be consistent

— ~~use~~ in overlap, we must be able to label points consistently

eg sphere

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Construction (stereographic proj'n) projects every point on sphere (except $(0, 0, 1)$) to a pt on plane.

Exercise

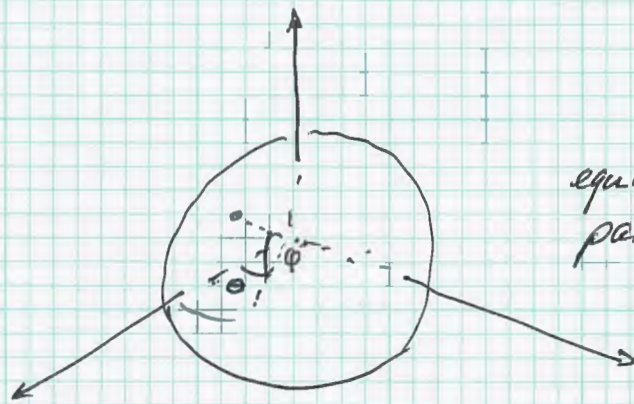
- What is this in coords?
- Show case 3 is the metric in this proj?

this is one chart; the U is ~~the~~ \mathbb{R}^2 and the φ is map as drawn.

Exercise:

- how do we build a second chart?
- Show they're consistent.

Case 4 is more interesting:



equiv to param by. $\begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi \cos\theta \\ \cos\phi \sin\theta \\ \sin\phi \end{pmatrix}$

notice $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ are bad, ~~so~~ because map to $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ looks like

$$\theta = \text{atan2}(y, x)$$

$$\phi = \arcsin z$$

but when $y, x = 0$, any θ is ~~OK~~.

not a continuous map.

Notice also atan2 is only 1-1 if we restrict range, eg $[0, 2\pi)$

↑ but closed at this end

So

$$U = (0, 2\pi) \times \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

ϕ is as above

• The circle, on the plane

$$\varphi_1 = \text{atan2}(y, x)$$

↑
1-1 with constraints
as above

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1,$$

$$x \in (-1, 1] \quad \swarrow$$

↑ open at this end

$$\varphi_2 = \text{atan2}(x, y)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$
~~$$x \in (-1, 1]$$~~

$$y \in (-1, 1] \quad \swarrow$$

↑ ditto

• Affine Group

$$GL(n) \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

EX: u_i, φ_i ?

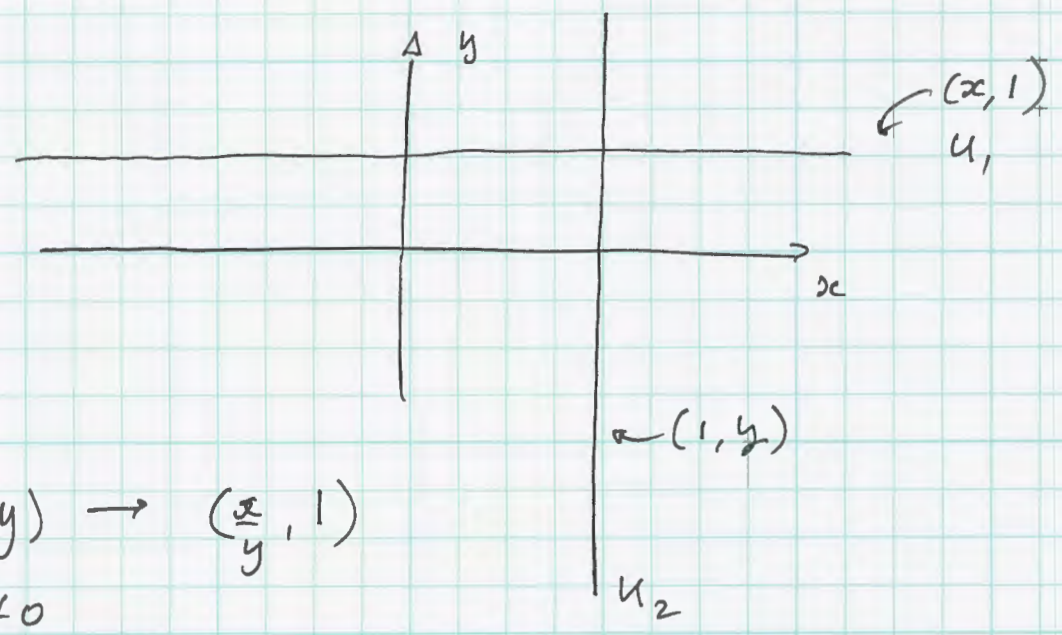
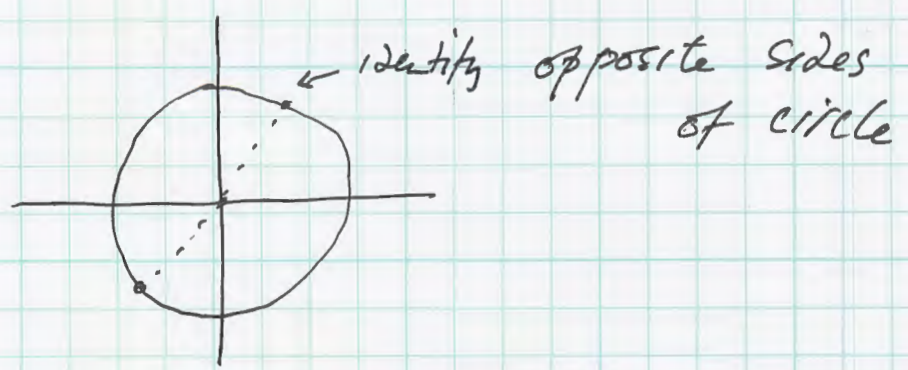
• Real projective line: \mathbb{RP}^1

• this is important; it encodes lines thru origin

• Take $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 - (0, 0)$ ~~where~~

• identify (x, y) and $\lambda(x, y)$ for $\lambda \neq 0$

equivalent



$$\phi_1^f : (x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{y}, 1\right)$$

for $y \neq 0$

$$\phi_2 : (x, y) \rightarrow \left(1, \frac{y}{x}\right)$$

for $x \neq 0$

now theres only 1 coordinate in u_1 , write z_1 ,
 " " " u_2 " z_2

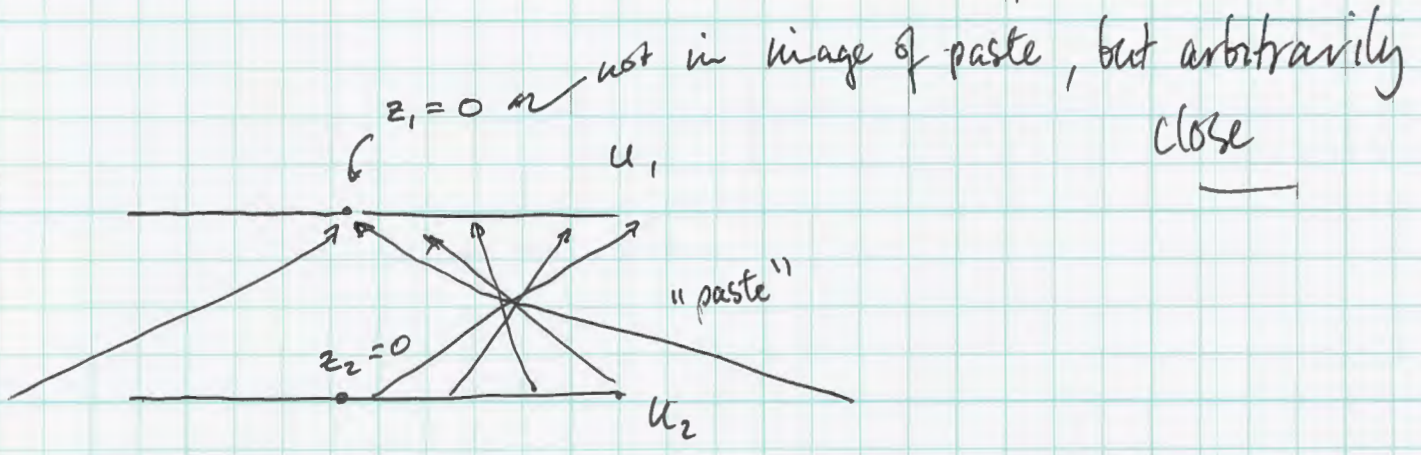
$$\phi_2^{-1}: z_2 \rightarrow t(1, z_2)$$

ray through pts in U_2

$$\phi_1 \circ \phi_2^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{z_2}\right) \quad z_2 \neq 0$$

$$\phi_2 \circ \phi_1^{-1} = \frac{1}{z_1} \quad z_1 \neq 0$$

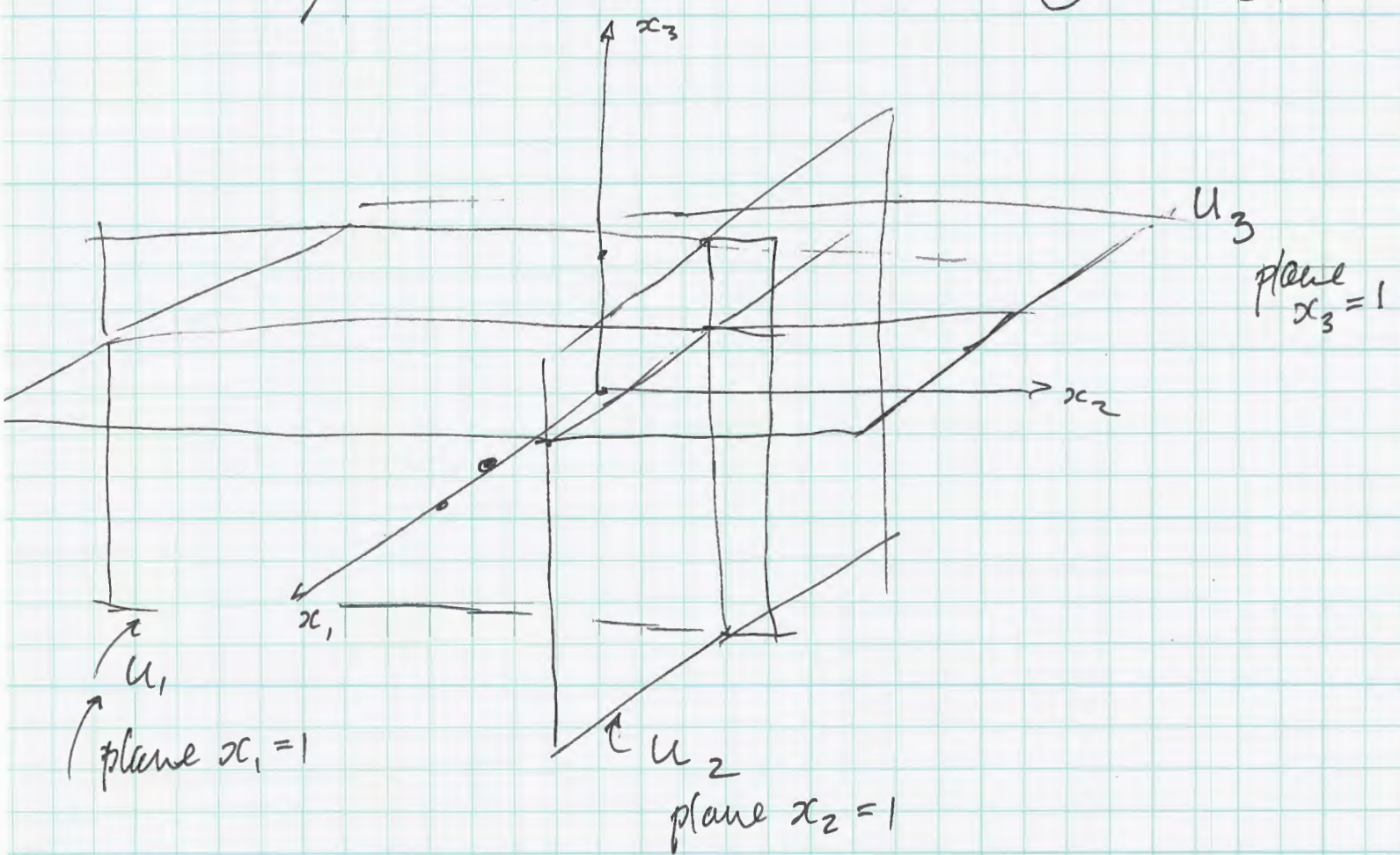
So $U_1 = \text{line}$ pasted to U_2 everywhere except at 1 pt
 $U_2 = \text{line}$ " " " " U_1



Another way to think of this - we've attached a pt at ∞ to line.

Real projective plane: $\mathbb{R}P^2$

- important in camera, multiview geom
- $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 - (0,0,0)$
- identify (x_1, x_2, x_3) with $\lambda(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, $\lambda \neq 0$
- equivalently, all lines through origin



- each line pierces at least one of these planes

$$\varphi_3 : (x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x_1}{x_3}, \frac{x_2}{x_3}, 1 \right) \text{ for } x_3 \neq 0$$

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φ_1, φ_2 follow

leads us to:

$$U_1 = (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$U_2 = (c, d)$$

$$U_3 = (e, f)$$

$$\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{c}, \frac{d}{c} \right)$$

etc

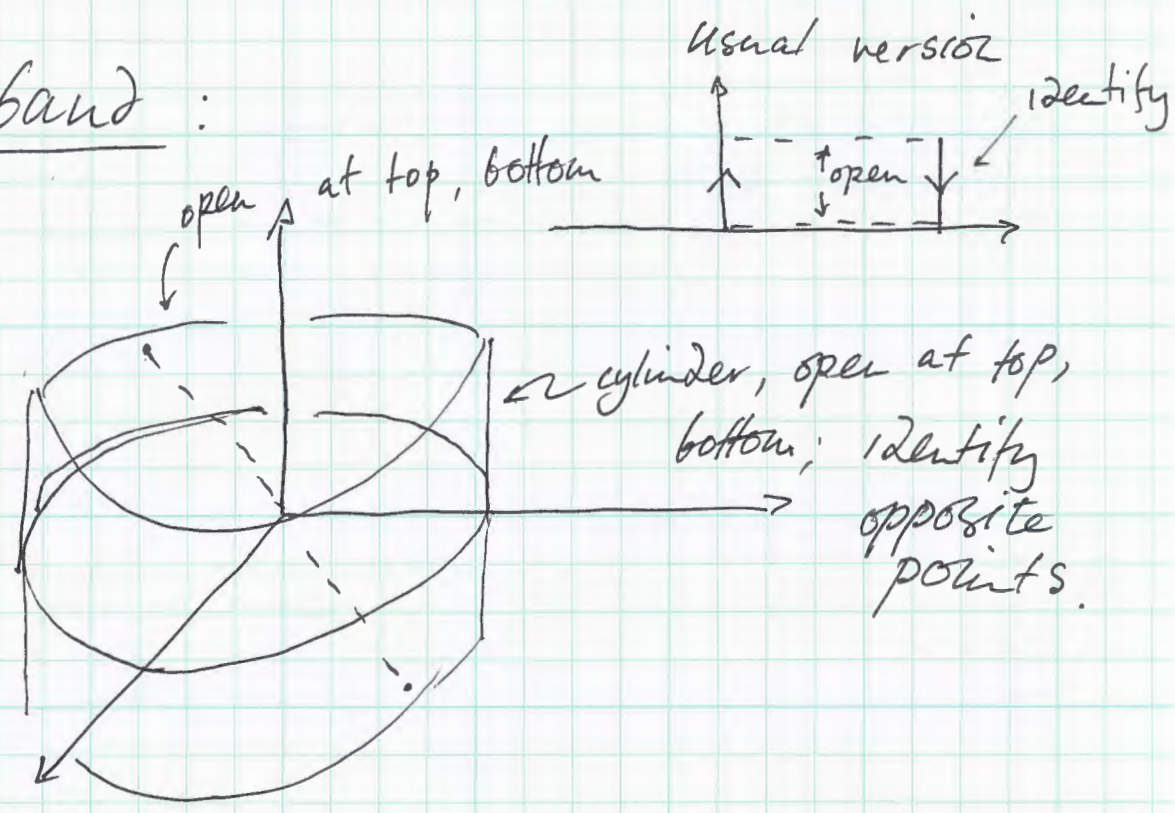
: this pastes U_1, U_2
together along
 $\{U_2 - (0, d)\}^2$

Notice I could build the whole thing
with U_i 's and transitions.

real projective space, dimension n:

$\mathbb{R}P^n$ - all lines through origin in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}

Moebius band:



$u_1 = (1, \alpha, \beta)$

$\beta \in (0, 1)$

$u_2 = (r, 1, s)$

$s \in (0, 1)$

Notice similarity to $\mathbb{R}P^1$

$\phi_2 \circ \phi_1^{-1} : \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right)$

$\alpha \neq 0$

$\phi_1 \circ \phi_2^{-1} : \left(\frac{1}{r}, \frac{s}{r} \right)$

$s \neq 0$

EX: $\mathbb{R}P^2$ can be obtained by pasting
edge of disk to Moebius band
(takes some thought).

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notice $J_{\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} & -\beta/\alpha^2 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\alpha} \end{bmatrix}$ so $\det J \leq 0$ for $\alpha \neq 0$

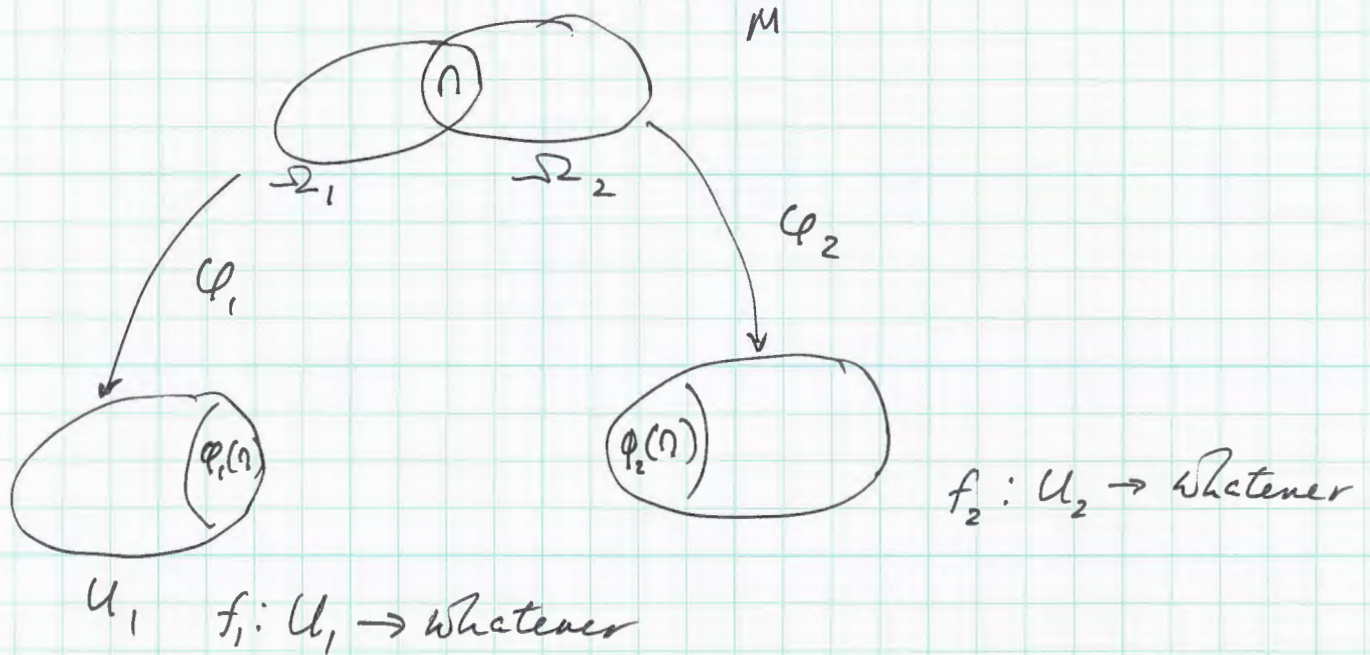
similar for $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}$; we'll use this

The tangent space to a manifold:

~~• at each point p in U_i , there is a tangent space~~

~~• take a vector in~~

We can place functions on these objects straightforward, but must be consistent on Λ 's



must have

~~$$f_1 \text{ on } \Phi_1(\Lambda) = f_2 \circ (\Phi_2 \circ \Phi_1^{-1}) \text{ on } \Phi$$~~

$$f_1 \text{ on } \Phi_1(\Lambda) = f_2 \circ (\Phi_2 \circ \Phi_1^{-1}) \text{ on } \Phi_1(\Omega)$$

Notice M is rather disappearing here —

the real issue is the U 's, and $\Phi_i \circ \Phi_j^{-1}$

- We can place tangent vectors on M ,
too
- at each point p_i of U_i there is a tangent space
(spanned by $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots)$)
- a vector \underline{u} at p is given by
$$u_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + u_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \dots$$
- interpret this as $J_{\varphi_i^{-1}}(\underline{u})$ on M
- More interesting is a tangent vector field.
- n smooth fns on U_i , consistent as above

EX: check that this gives a unique vector on \cap 's.

More examples

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The tangent vector space of a manifold

$T(M)$ \hookrightarrow all tangent vectors at every pt of M

~~for $T(M)$ the~~

M has U_i, φ_i

$T(M)$.. V_i, Ψ_i

$$V_i = U_i \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\Psi_i = \varphi_i \times \text{Id.}$$

The space of directed lines in 2D

- circle at origin gives dirn
 - point on tangent line gives translation
- $T(S^1)$

The space of undirected lines in 2D

$T(P^1)$

" ~~undirected~~ directed " 3D

$T(S^2)$ (A D!)

" undirected " 3D

$T(P^2)$

Now we can (a) place a metric tensor on these objects (b) do geometry with it.

geometry, example # 2.

$$g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_2^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{x_2^2} \end{pmatrix} \quad x_2 > 0$$

geodesics? NOT all straight lines

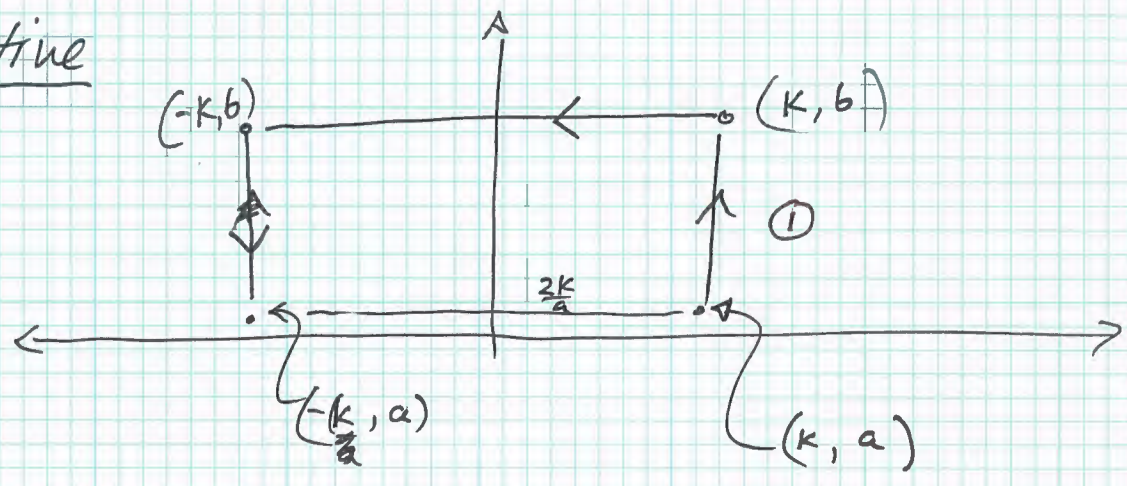
Notice that to get from (k, z) to $(-k, z)$ it's probably a good idea to go UP a bit

• In this metric, distance from (k, a) to $(-k, a)$ along a horizontal path ~~is~~: $\begin{matrix} x(t) = t \\ y(t) = a \end{matrix}$

$$\int_{-k}^k \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{y^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{y^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix}} dt = \frac{2k}{a}$$

big if a is small

Alternative



path length: $2 \times \text{length of segment } \textcircled{1} + \frac{2k}{b}$

because translating a vertical vector doesn't change its length

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length of } \textcircled{1} &= \text{length of } [(k, t) \text{ for } t \in (a, b)] \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1/y^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/a^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}} dt = \int_a^b \frac{1}{t} dt = \log b - \log a \end{aligned}$$

So path length is $2 \log b - 2 \log a + \frac{2k}{b}$

this is minimized when $b = k$.

So: to go across, you should head in!

But by how much?

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Geodesics are solutions to

$$y\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x}\dot{y} = 0$$

$$y\ddot{y} + \dot{x}^2 - \dot{y}^2 = 0$$

Should look wasty to you;

EX check my calculation

EX: $\begin{pmatrix} -r \tanh t \\ r \operatorname{sech} t \end{pmatrix}$ is a geodesic

EX: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^t \end{pmatrix}$ is a geodesic

EX: if $(x(t), y(t))$ is a geodesic, then
so is $(x(t) + c, y(t))$

We now have all geodesics (notice each pt, dir, identifies a geodesic)