

Recap

A manifold (=mfd) \mathcal{M} is a space that locally looks like \mathbb{R}^d . We say that

$d = \dim(\mathcal{M})$ is the dimension of \mathcal{M}

→ very informal definition

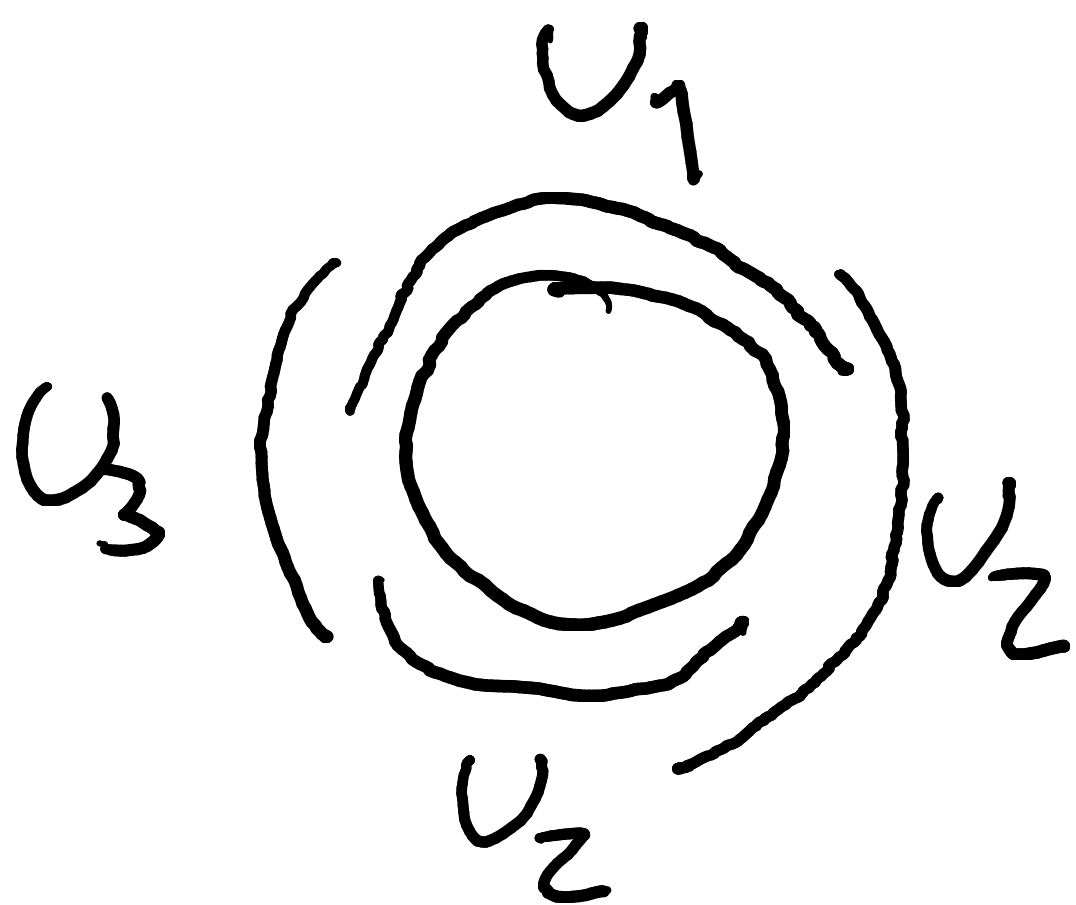
locally looks like \mathbb{R}^d : $\exists U_i \subset \mathcal{M}$, $\phi_i: U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$
invertible

pairs (U_i, ϕ_i) is a chart

The collection of all charts = Atlas

$$\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_i U_i$$

Example: circle S^1



$$S^1 = U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3 \cup U_4$$

$$\phi_1: U_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

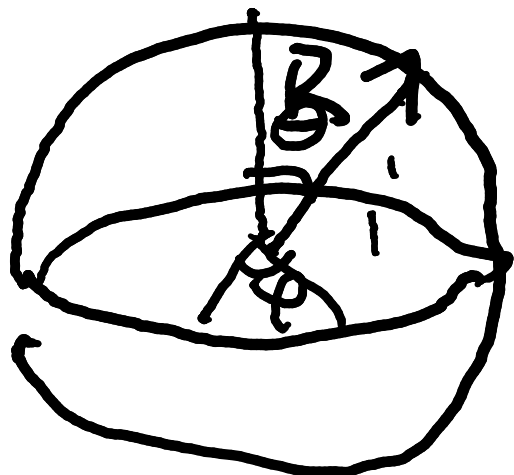


can be more formal using $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

if a mfd is endowed w/ metric g_{μ} , it is Riemannian (most of the time, mfd is assumed Riemannian)

metric: $ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$

2-sphere



$$ds^2 =$$

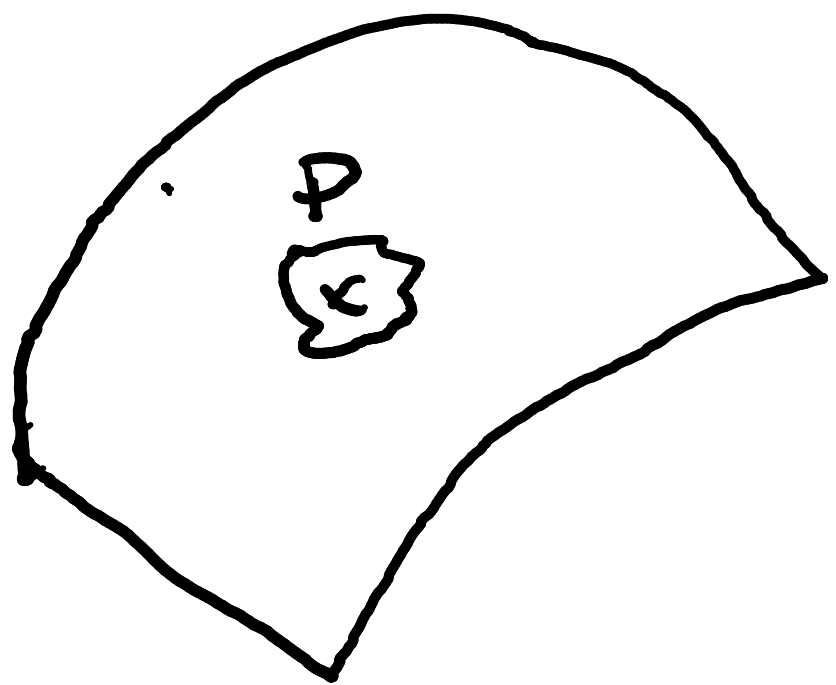
$$r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$$

having metric, can define distances

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

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local coordinate

in a neighbourhood of a point, can always find a flat system of coordinates



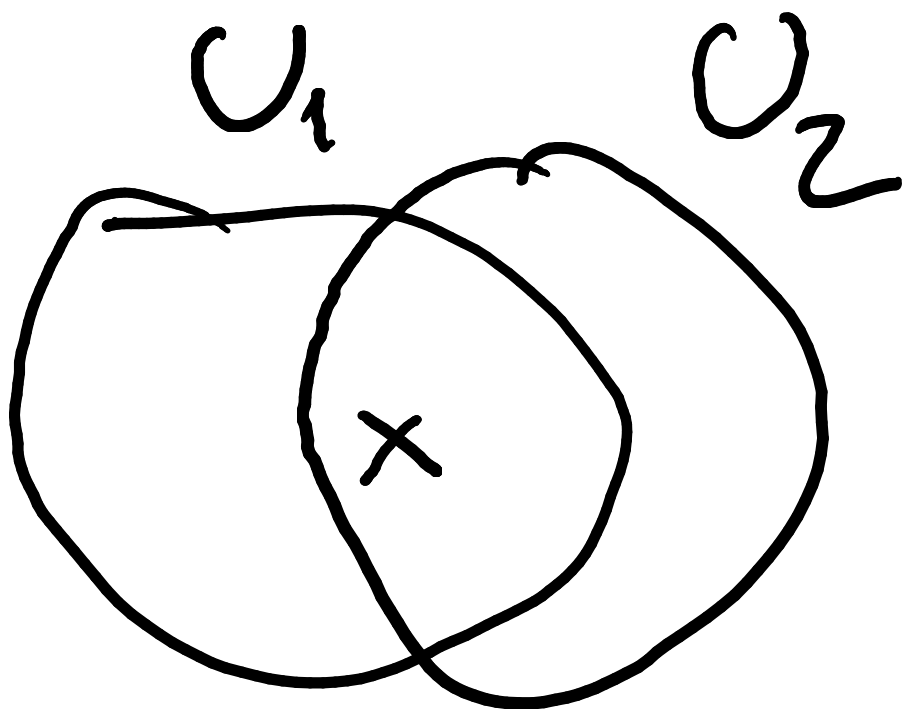
near P:

$$ds^2 \sim \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \quad \text{Lorentzian}$$

$$ds^2 \sim \delta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \quad \text{Euclidean}$$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \delta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

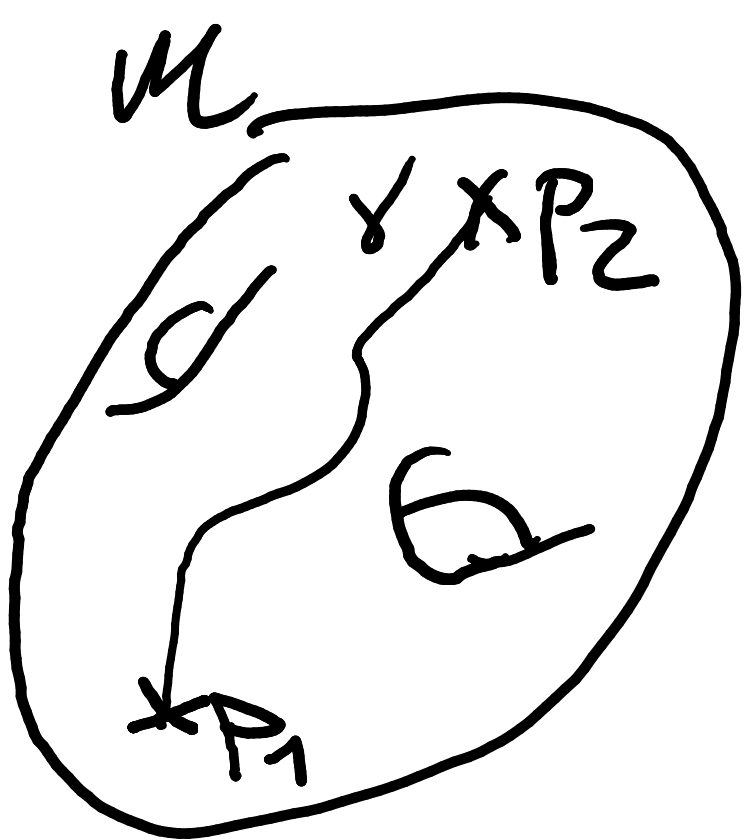
change of coordinate = change of chart



$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_1: U_1 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d & x^\mu \\ \Phi_2: U_2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d & \tilde{x}^\mu \end{aligned}$$

on $U_1 \cap U_2$: $\Phi_2 \circ \Phi_1^{-1}: x^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\mu$

worldline: $\gamma \subset M$ such that $\dim(\gamma) = 1$



$\dim(\gamma) = 1 \Rightarrow$ 1 coordinate σ

metric: we can measure distances

$$L(P_1, P_2) = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} ds = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} \sqrt{g(\sigma)} d\sigma$$

minimal path = EoM of L = geodesic

$$\frac{dx^\mu}{d\sigma^2} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\sigma} \frac{dx^\lambda}{d\sigma} = 0$$

Christoffel

equivalence principle: free-falling observers

follow a geodesic in \mathcal{M}

GR: \mathcal{M} is 4D Lorentzian manifold

in lecture: 1) rest frame $\frac{d\xi^\mu}{d\tau} = 0$

2) $\xi^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu$ arbitrary

3) use chain rule

tensors: A tensor $T^{\mu\nu}$ transforms under general coord transfo

$$x^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\mu = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu}{\partial x^\alpha} x^\alpha$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \tilde{T}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\nu}{\partial x^\beta} T^{\alpha\beta}$$

NB: Γ is not a tensor $\tilde{\Gamma}^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\nu}{\partial x^\beta} \frac{\partial x^\rho}{\partial \tilde{x}^\gamma} \frac{\partial x^\sigma}{\partial \tilde{x}^\delta} \Gamma^{\alpha\beta}_{\gamma\delta} + \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^\nu}{\partial x^\beta} \frac{\partial^2 x^\rho}{\partial \tilde{x}^\alpha \partial \tilde{x}^\beta} \tilde{x}^\rho$
cov non cov!

GRⁿ = "chain rules on \mathcal{M} "

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$$[\Phi_a, \Phi_b] \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}$$

$$\Phi \longrightarrow x^\nu(\Phi)$$

a)

$$\sum_{\mu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\Phi} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\Phi} \begin{array}{l} > 0 \text{ time} \\ = 0 \text{ light} \\ < \text{ space} \end{array}$$

under reparametrisation

$$\Phi \longrightarrow \psi(\Phi)$$

$$x^\nu(\psi) = \frac{dx^\nu}{d\psi} \frac{d\psi}{d\Phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\mu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\psi} \frac{d\psi}{d\Phi} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\psi} \frac{d\psi}{d\Phi} = \sum_{\mu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\psi} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\psi} \underbrace{\left(\frac{d\psi}{d\Phi} \right)^2}_{> 0}$$

$$\boxed{C=1}$$

b)

$$T = \int d\tau = \int ds/c$$

$$= \int \sqrt{\eta_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\phi} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\phi}} d\phi$$

$$\int d\phi \sqrt{\eta_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\phi} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\phi}} = \int \underbrace{d\phi \frac{d\phi}{d\phi}}_{=d\phi} \sqrt{\eta_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\phi} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\phi}} = T$$

c) set

$$\psi = \pi - \arccos \phi \Rightarrow \phi = \cos(\pi - \psi)$$

$$x^0 = (\pi - \arccos \phi) = \psi = -\cos \psi$$

$$x^1 = \phi = -\cos \psi$$

$$x^2 = \sqrt{1 - \phi^2} = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \psi} = \sin \psi$$

$$x^3 = 0 = 0$$

$$\frac{dx^\mu}{d\phi} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \sin \psi \\ \cos \psi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi_2 = -1$$

$$\psi_2 = 0$$

$$\phi_1 = 1$$

$$\psi_1 = \pi$$

$$T = \int_{\psi_2}^{\psi_1} \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\phi} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\phi}}$$

$$= \int_0^\pi \sqrt{4 - \sin^2\psi - \cos^2\psi} d\psi = \int_0^\pi \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3}\pi$$

GR8

$$S^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n} = g^{\mu_1 \nu} T_{\nu \mu_2 \dots \mu_n}$$

$$g_{\mu_1 \alpha} S^{\alpha \mu_2 \dots \mu_n} = g_{\alpha \mu_1} g^{\alpha \nu} T_{\nu \mu_2 \dots \mu_n}$$

$$= \delta_{\mu_1}^{\nu} T_{\nu \mu_2 \dots \mu_n}$$

$$= T_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n}$$

GR9

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial x^\beta} \eta^{\alpha\beta}$$

in rest frame where $x^\mu = \xi^\nu$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu\alpha} = \delta_\nu^\alpha$$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial \xi^\alpha}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial \xi^\beta}{\partial x^\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$g^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} = \left(\frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial \xi^\alpha} \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial \xi^\beta} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \xi^\alpha}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial \xi^\beta}{\partial x^\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta} \right)$$
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