# Norms and Convergence of Manifolds

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## Norms and Convergence

- We wish to have a norm which tells us how 'flat a manifold is'.
- We also want subsets of complete flat manifolds to still have non-zero norm.

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- We will use a family of norms depending on a 'scale' parameter r.
- We also want such norms to be defined for subsets of Riemannian manifolds as well.

**Definition**:Let A be a subset of M. The  $C^{m,\alpha}$  norm on the scale r of A, denoted by

$$\|A \subset (M,g)\|_{C^{m,\alpha},r}$$

is  $\leq Q$ , if we can find charts:

$$\phi_s: U_s \subset M \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \ s \in I$$

so that

(n1) For each  $p \in A$ , there exists  $s \in I$  so that  $B_{\frac{1}{10}e^{-Q_r}}(p) \subset U_s$ . (n2)  $|D\phi_s|, |D\phi_s^{-1}| \le e^Q$ . (n3)  $\|\phi_s^{-1} \circ \phi_t\|_{C^{m+1,\alpha}} \le f_3(n, Q, r)$ . (n4)  $r^{|j|+\alpha} \|D^j((\phi_s^{-1})^*g)\|_{\alpha} \le Q$  for all multi-indices j satisfying  $0 \le |j| \le m$ .

Note that the above definition only requires g to be  $C^{m,\alpha}$ . If  $\alpha = 0$ , then we replace  $C^{m+1,\alpha}$  with  $C^{m+1}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha}$  with  $\|\cdot\|_{0}$ .

It turns out that  $(n2) + (n4) \implies (n3)$ , however we will keep (n3) as a property.

**Example:** Suppose (M, g) is a complete flat Riemannian manifold. Then  $||(M, g)||_{C^{m,\alpha}, r} = 0$  for each  $r \leq inj(M, g)$ .

In particular,  $\|(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{std})\|_{C^{m,\alpha}, r} = 0$  for each  $m, \alpha, r$ .

Later on, we will show that if  $||(M,g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r} = 0$  for all  $m, \alpha, r$  then  $(M,g) = (\mathbb{R}^n, g_{std})$ .

Next, we wish to describe  $C^{m,\alpha}$  convergence of a sequence of Riemannian manifolds.

**Definition**: Let  $(M_i, g_i, p_i)$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  be a sequence of pointed Riemannian manifolds of the same dimension. We say  $(M_i, g_i, p_i)$  converges to  $(M_{\infty}, g_{\infty}, p_{\infty})$  in the pointed  $C^{m,\alpha}$ -topology, written as:

$$(M_i, g_i, p_i) \stackrel{C^{m, \alpha}}{\longrightarrow} (M_\infty, g_\infty, p_\infty),$$

if for each R > 0, there exists a domain  $\Omega \subset B_R(p_\infty)$  and embeddings  $F_i : \Omega \longrightarrow M_i$ ,  $i \gg 1$ , so that

1.  $F_i(\Omega) \supset B_{R,p_i}$  for each i, 2.  $F_i^* g_i \xrightarrow{C^{m,\alpha}} g$ . 3.  $F_i(p_\infty) = p_i$  for each i.

When the manifolds are closed, we have that  $F_i$  is a diffeomorphism for R large enough. In this case, one can show that the choice of basepoints  $p_i$  does not matter, and so we can also talk about unpointed convergence.

**Proposition:** Let  $A \subset M$  be precompact. Then

- 1.  $\|A \subset (M,g)\|_{C^{m,\alpha},r} = \|A \subset (M,\lambda^2g)\|_{C^{m,\alpha},\lambda r}$  for each r > 0.
- 2. The function  $r \longrightarrow ||A \subset (M,g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r}$  is continuous.
- 3. If  $(M_i, g_i, p_i) \xrightarrow{C^{m,\alpha}} (M_{\infty}, g_{\infty}, p_{\infty})$ , then for every precompact domain  $A_{\infty} \subset M_{\infty}$ , there exists precompact domains  $A_i \subset M_i$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$\|A_i\|_{C^{m,\alpha},r} \longrightarrow \|A_\infty\|_{C^{m,\alpha},r}, \ \forall \ r > 0.$$

If  $M_i$  is closed for each  $i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  then we can assume  $A_i = M_i$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

*Proof of 1.* If we replace g with  $\lambda^2 g$ , then we replace the charts  $\phi_s$  by

$$\phi_s^{\lambda}: U_s \subset M \longrightarrow B_{\lambda r}(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \ \phi_s^{\lambda}(x) := \lambda \phi_s(x).$$

The same conditions (n1)-(n4) still hold.

Proof of 2. We wish to show: the function  $r \longrightarrow ||A \subset (M,g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r}$  is continuous. Instead of scaling r, we will replace  $\phi_s$  with  $\phi_s^{\lambda}$  (without changing the metric g).. This corresponds to replacing r with  $\lambda r$ . So we only need to show continuous dependence on  $\lambda$ . Suppose

$$N(r) := \|A \subset (M,g)\|_{C^{m,\alpha},r} \leq Q.$$

Then

$$\mathcal{N}(\lambda r) := \| \mathcal{A} \subset (\mathcal{M},g) \|_{\mathcal{C}^{m,lpha},\lambda r} \leq \max\{Q + |\log(\lambda)|, Q \cdot \lambda^2\}.$$

This is enough to show continuous dependence on  $\lambda$  (Exercise).

*Proof of 3.* We need to show: If  $(M_i, g_i, p_i) \xrightarrow{C^{m,\alpha}} (M_{\infty}, g_{\infty}, p_{\infty})$ , then for every precompact domain  $A_{\infty} \subset M_{\infty}$ , there exists precompact domains  $A_i \subset M_i$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$\|A_i\|_{C^{m,\alpha},r} \longrightarrow \|A_\infty\|_{C^{m,\alpha},r}, \ \forall \ r > 0.$$
(1)

First of all, we need to construct these domains  $A_i$ . By definition, there is a domain  $\Omega \supset A$  so that for all large *i* we have smooth embeddings  $F_i : \Omega \longrightarrow M_i$  satisfying  $F_i^* g_i \longrightarrow g$  in  $C^{m,\alpha}$  on  $\Omega$ . We define  $A_i := F_i(A_\infty)$ . For  $Q > ||A_\infty \subset (M_\infty, g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r}$ , choose charts  $\phi_s : U_s \subset M_\infty \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  covering  $A_\infty$  satisfying (n1)-(n4). Define

$$\phi_{i,s} := \phi_s \circ F_i^{-1} : F_i(U_s) \subset M_i \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then,  $\phi_{i,s}$  satisfies (n1)-(n4)with A replaced by  $A_i$  and Q replaced by  $Q_i$  where  $Q_i \longrightarrow Q$ . (Exercise). This is enough to prove Equation (1). (Exercise).

- We now wish to have an Arzela-Ascoli type theorem using the norms || · ||<sub>C<sup>m,α</sup>,r</sub> on manifolds.
- Definition: For Q > 0, n ≥ 2, m ≥ 0, α ∈ (0, 1] and r > 0, define M<sup>m,α</sup>(n, Q, r) to be the class of complete, pointed Riemannian n-manifolds (M, g, p) satisfying ||(M,g)||<sub>C<sup>m,α</sup>,r</sub> ≤ Q. The manifolds here are C<sup>m,α</sup>-manifolds. I.e. transition functions are C<sup>m,α</sup>.
- ► Theorem: (Fundamental Theorem of Convergence Theory) *M<sup>m,α</sup>(n, Q, r)* is sequentially compact in the pointed *C<sup>m,β</sup>*-topology for all β < α.</p>

Proof: The proof will proceed in 4 stages:

Step 1 Setup and comments on charts.

- Step 2  $\mathcal{M}' := \mathcal{M}^{m,\alpha}(n, Q, r)$  is precompact in the pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology.
- Step 3  $\mathcal{M}'$  is closed in the pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology.
- Step 4 Showing that any Gromov-Hausdorff convergent sequence in  $\mathcal{M}'$  in fact convergences in the  $C^{m,\beta}$ -topology (after passing to a subsequence).

We will now give some details of the proof. However there will be many other details that we will skip.

Proof of Step 1. Setup. Write  $\mathcal{M}' := \mathcal{M}^{m,\alpha}(n, Q, r)$ . Fix K > Q. We will call a chart for a manifold in  $\mathcal{M}'$  satisfying (n1)-(n4) with Q replaced by K an (n1)-(n4)-chart. It is sufficient for us to show that limit spaces exists for each K > Q.

**Claim 0:** Every (n1)-(n4)-chart  $\phi : U \subset M \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfies

a.  $d(\phi^{-1}(x_1), \phi^{-1}(x_2)) \leq e^{\kappa} |x_1 - x_2|$ , b.  $d(\phi^{-1}(x_1), \phi^{-1}(x_2)) \geq \min(e^{-\kappa} |x_1 - x_2|, e^{-\kappa}(2r - |x_1| - |x_2|))$ where *d* is the distance measured in *M*, and  $|\cdot|$  is the Euclidean norm in the chart.

Proof of **Claim 0**: The condition (n2):  $|D\phi^{-1}| \le e^{K}$ , together with the convexity of  $B_r(0)$  gives us a. If there is a line segment in U of length equal to  $d(\phi^{-1}(x_1), \phi^{-1}(x_2))$  joining  $\phi^{-1}(x_1)$  and  $\phi^{-1}(x_2)$ , then the condition (n2):  $|D\phi^{-1}| \le e^{-K}$  tells us

$$d(\phi^{-1}(x_1),\phi^{-1}(x_2)) \leq e^{-\kappa}|x_1-x_2|$$

proving b.

### Proof continued:

Now suppose that a segment  $\sigma : [0,1] \longrightarrow M$  leaves U. Choose  $t_1 < t_2$  in (0,1) so that  $\sigma|_{[0,t_1)}$  and  $\sigma|_{(t_2,1]}$  lie in U and so that  $\sigma(t_i) \notin U$  for i = 1, 2. Then

$$d(\phi^{-1}(x_1),\phi^{-1}(x_2)) = L(\sigma) \ge L(\sigma|_{[0,t_1)}) + L(\sigma|_{(t_2,1]})$$

$$\stackrel{(n2)}{\geq} e^{-K} (L(\phi \circ \sigma|_{[0,t_1)}) + L(\phi \circ \sigma|_{(t_2,1]})) \\ \geq e^{-K} (2r - |x_1| - |x_2|)$$

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This proves b.

*Proof of* Step 2. Recall that we now wish to prove that  $\mathcal{M}'$  is precompact in the pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology. We will use Gromov's Theorem to do this. Before we prove this, we need to prove some claims.

**Claim 1:** Let  $\delta = \frac{1}{10}e^{-\kappa}r$ . Then each  $\delta$ -ball in M can be covered  $N = N(n, \kappa, r)$  balls of radius  $\delta/4$  for each  $M \in \mathcal{M}'$ .

Proof of Claim 1: Every  $\delta$ -ball is contained in some (n1)-(n4)-chart  $\phi: U \subset M \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . We have bounds on the derivatives of  $\phi, \phi^{-1}$  and hence the metric on U and the flat metric on  $B_r(0)$  are not too different. This gives us our bound N (Exercise: fill in details). *QED for* **Claim 1**.

**Claim 2**: Every ball  $B(x; I \cdot \delta/2) \subset M$ ,  $I \in \mathbb{N}$  can be covered by  $N^I$  balls of radius  $\delta/4$ .

*Proof of Claim 2*: We prove this by induction on *I*. By **Claim 1**, this is true for l = 1. Now suppose (by induction),  $B_{l \cdot \delta/2}(x)$  is covered by  $B_{\delta/4}(x_1), \dots, B_{\delta/4}(x_{N'})$ . Then  $B_{(l+1)\delta/2}(x) = B_{l\delta/2+\delta/2}x$  is covered by  $B_{\delta}(x_1), \dots, B_{\delta}(x_{N'})$  (by the triangle inequality). Each  $B_{\delta}(x_i)$  is covered by N balls of radius  $\delta/4$ , and hence  $B_{(l+1)\delta/2}(x)$  is covered by  $N \cdot N^l = N^{l+1}$  balls of radius  $\delta/4$ . *QED for* **Claim 2**.

We will now use **Claim 2** combined with Gromov's compactness result to show that  $\mathcal{M}'$  is precompact in the pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology.

To show that  $\mathcal{M}'$  is precompact, it is sufficient to show that the radius R balls:

$$B_R(p) \subset M, \quad (M,g,p) \in \mathcal{M}'$$

are precompact with respect to the Gromov-Hausdorff topology. By Gromov's theorem, it is sufficient to show that for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N(\epsilon) = N(\epsilon, R, K, r, n)$  with the property that each  $B_R(p)$  as above contains at most  $N(\epsilon)$  disjoint  $\epsilon$ -balls. We will do this by considering volume. Let  $B_{\epsilon}(x_1), \dots, B_{\epsilon}(x_s)$  be disjoint balls in  $B_R(p)$ . Choose  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$I \cdot \delta/2 < R \leq (I+1) \cdot \delta/2.$$

Then

$$\operatorname{vol} B_R(p) \stackrel{\operatorname{Claim 2}}{\leq} (N^{l+1}) \cdot (\operatorname{max volume of a } \delta/4 - \operatorname{ball})$$
$$\leq (N^{l+1}) \cdot (\operatorname{max volume of a } (n1) \cdot (n4) \cdot \operatorname{chart})$$
$$\leq N^{l+1} e^{nK} \operatorname{vol} B_R(0)$$
$$\leq V(R) = V(R, n, K, r).$$

*Proof continued.* Now if  $\epsilon < r$ , then each  $B_{\epsilon}(x_i)$  lies inside some (n1)-(n4)-chart  $\phi : B_R(0) \longrightarrow U \subset M$ . Hence  $\phi^{-1}(B_{\epsilon}(x_i))$  contains an  $e^{-\kappa}\epsilon$ -ball in  $B_R(0)$ . Hence

$$\operatorname{vol} B_{\epsilon}(x_i) \geq e^{-2nK} \operatorname{vol} B_{\epsilon}(0).$$

Hence

$$V(R) \ge \operatorname{vol} B_R(p)$$
  
 $\ge \sum_i \operatorname{vol} B_\epsilon(x_i)$   
 $\ge se^{-2nK} \operatorname{vol} B_\epsilon(0).$ 

Rearranging the above equation gives:

$$s \leq \mathit{N}(\epsilon) := \mathit{V}(R)e^{2n\mathcal{K}}(\mathsf{vol}B_\epsilon(0))^{-1}.$$

Hence  $\mathcal{M}^\prime$  is precompact in the pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology.

Proof of Step 3: We now wish to show  $\mathcal{M}' := \mathcal{M}^{m,\alpha}(n, Q, r)$  is closed in the pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology. Let  $(M_i, g_i, p_i)$ be a sequence in  $\mathcal{M}'$  converging in the Gromov-Hausdorff topology to  $(M_{\infty}, g_{\infty}, p_{\infty})$ . We wish to show  $(M_{\infty}, g_{\infty}, p_{\infty})$  is in fact a pointed Riemannian manifold inside  $\mathcal{M}'$ . First of all, we will construct continuous maps

$$\phi_{\infty s}: U_{\infty s} \subset M_{\infty} \longrightarrow B_R(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \ s \in \mathbb{N}$$

satisfying (n3):

$$\phi_{\infty s}^{-1} \circ \phi_{\infty t}$$

is a  $C^{m,\alpha}$ -map satisfying

$$\|\phi_{\infty s}^{-1}\circ\phi_{\infty t}\|_{\mathcal{C}^{m+1,\alpha}}\leq f_3(n,K,r).$$

After that we will show that these are (n1)-(n4)-charts.

*Proof of Step 3 continued.* We will in fact construct  $\phi_{\infty s}^{-1}$  first. To construct  $\phi_{\infty s}^{-1}$ , choose a countable collection of (n1)-(n4)-charts

$$\phi_{is}: U_{is} \subset M_i \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \ s \in \mathbb{N}$$

covering  $M_i$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . By (n2),  $\phi_{is}^{-1}$  has bounded Lipschiz constant and hence  $\phi_{is}^{-1}$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  are equicontinuous - in the Gromov-Hausdorff sense. Hence, after passing to a subsequence,  $\phi_{is}^{-1} \xrightarrow{d_{GH}} \phi_{\infty s}^{-1}$  for some maps:

$$\phi_{\infty s}^{-1}: B_R(0) \longrightarrow M_{\infty}, \ s \in \mathbb{N}.$$

by the Gromov-Hausdorff extension of Arzela-Ascoli stated earlier. (Some details are missing here - for instance **Claim 0** a. must be used here.) Proof of Step 3 continued. Now Claim 0 b. tells us  $d(\phi_{is}^{-1}(x_1), \phi_{is}^{-1}(x_2)) \ge \min(e^{-\kappa}|x_1 - x_2|, e^{-\kappa}(2r - |x_1| - |x_2|))$  for each  $i, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . As a result, one can show (Exercise), that  $\phi_{\infty s}^{-1}$  is an injective map for each  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence we have well defined maps:

$$\phi_{is}: U_{is} \subset M_i \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \ s \in \mathbb{N}$$

This also means that we can talk about transition maps  $\phi_{\infty s}^{-1} \circ \phi_{\infty t}$ .

Proof of Step 3 continued. Since

$$\|\phi_{is}^{-1}\circ\phi_{it}\|_{C^{m+1,\alpha}}\leq f_3(n,K,r)$$

for each  $i, s \in \mathbb{N}$  by (n3), we have by another compactness argument that  $\phi_{\infty s}$  satisfies (n3) (stated earlier). Also

$$\phi_{is}^{-1} \circ \phi_{it} \xrightarrow{C^{m,\beta}} \phi_{\infty s}^{-1} \circ \phi_{\infty t}$$

for each  $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$ . (I have omitted some details here - see Peterson.). It is also fairly straightforward to show  $\phi_{\infty s}$  satisfies (n1).

Proof of Step 3 continued. Hence we have shown  $(M_{\infty}, d_{\infty}, p_{\infty})$  is a  $C^{m,\alpha}$  manifold with special charts  $\phi_{\infty s}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . We now need to construct an appropriate Riemannian metric on this manifold. To do this, we consider the metric  $g_{is} := (\phi_{is}^{-1})^* g_i$  for each  $i, s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now,  $\phi_{is}$  and  $g_{is}$  satisfy (n2) and (n4) respectively. Hence these derivative bounds ensure that

$$g_{is} \stackrel{C^{m,eta}}{\longrightarrow} g_{\infty s}$$

for some metric  $g_{\infty s}$ . These locally defined metrics patch together to give us a Riemannian metric  $g_{\infty}$  on  $M_{\infty}$ . Also, locally, the distance metric induced by  $g_{\infty s}$  should coincide with  $d_{\infty}$ (Exercise). Finally it is fairly straightforward to show that  $\phi_{\infty s}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfies (n1)-(n4), however we won't spell out the details here. QED for Step 3. Proof of Step 4. We now need to show  $(M_i, g_i, p_i) \xrightarrow{C^{m,\beta}} (M_\infty, g_\infty, p_\infty).$ 

**Definition:** We say two maps  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  between subsets of  $M_{\infty}$  and  $M_i$  are  $C^{m,\beta}$ -close if all their coordinate compositions

$$\phi_{is} \circ F_1 \circ \phi_{\infty t}^{-1}, \quad \phi_{is} \circ F_2 \circ \phi_{\infty t}^{-1}$$

are  $C^{m,\beta}$ -close.

Define

$$f_{is} := \phi_{is}^{-1} \circ \phi_{\infty s} : U_{\infty s} \longrightarrow U_{is}$$

for each  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $f_{is}$ ,  $f_{it}$  converge to each other in the  $C^{m,\beta}$ -topology as  $i \to \infty$  for each  $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also

$$f_{is}^*g_\infty|_{U_{\infty s}}\longrightarrow g_i|_{U_{is}}$$

in the  $C^{m,\beta}$  sense (after pre and post composing with chart maps).

#### Proof of Step 4. continued.

Therefore, it is sufficient for us to construct maps

$$F_{il}: \ \Omega_{\infty l} := \cup_{s=1}^{l} U_{\infty s} \longrightarrow \Omega_{il} := \cup_{s=1}^{l} U_{is}$$

that get closer to  $f_{is}$  as  $i \to \infty$  in the  $C^{m,\beta}$  sense for each  $s = 1, \dots, l$  (as in the Definition above). We will construct  $F_{il}$  by induction on l. Choose a  $C^{m+1,\beta}$  partition of unity  $(\lambda_s)_{s\in\mathbb{N}}$  subordinate to  $(U_{\infty s})_{s\in\mathbb{N}}$ .

For l = 1, we define  $F_{i1} := f_{i1}$ . Now suppose that we have constructed  $F_{il}$ . If  $U_{\infty(l+1)} \cap \Omega_{\infty l} = \emptyset$ , we define

$$egin{aligned} F_{i(l+1)}(x) &:= \left\{egin{aligned} F_{il}(x) & ext{if } x \in \Omega_{\infty l} \ f_{i(l+1)} & ext{if } x \in U_{\infty (l+1)}. \end{aligned}
ight. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof of Step 4. continued.* Now suppose  $U_{\infty(l+1)} \cap \Omega_{\infty l} \neq \emptyset$ , we do the following: Define

$$\lambda_{\leq l} := \sum_{s=1}^{l} \lambda_s, \quad \lambda_{>l} := \sum_{s=l+1}^{\infty} \lambda_s.$$

Define  $F_{i(l+1)}: \Omega_{\infty(l+1)} \longrightarrow \Omega_{i(l+1)}$ ,

$$F_{i(l+1)}(x) :=$$

$$\phi_{i(l+1)}^{-1} \circ \left(\lambda_{>l}(x) \cdot \phi_{i(l+1)} \circ f_{i(l+1)}(x) + \lambda_{\leq l}(x) \cdot \phi_{i(l+1)} \circ F_{il}\right).$$

The claim is that  $F_{i(l+1)}$  gets closer to  $f_{is}$  in the  $C^{m,\beta}$  sense as  $i \to \infty$  for each  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . We will not give the details here, but refer to Peterson (page 315).

**Corollary:** The norm  $||A \subset (M,g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r}$  for compact A is always realized by (n1)-(n4)-charts

$$\phi_s: U_s \subset M \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \ s \in \mathbb{N}$$

with Q replaced by  $||A \subset (M,g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r}$ .

*Proof*: Choose (n1)-(n4)-charts

$$\phi_s^Q: U_s^Q \subset M \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \ s \in \mathbb{N}$$

for each  $Q > ||A \subset (M,g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r}$ . By the proof of the fundamental theorem, these charts have a limit as  $Q \to ||A \subset (M,g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r}$ .

**Corollary**: If  $||(M,g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r} = 0$  for some r > 0 then M is a flat manifold. If  $||(M,g)||_{C^{m,\alpha},r} = 0$  for all r > 0, then  $(M,g) = (\mathbb{R}^n, g_{std})$ .

*Proof.* The proof even works when  $m = \alpha = 0$ . By **Claim 0**, part a (page 11), M can be covered by charts  $\phi: U \subset M \longrightarrow B_r(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying: a.  $d(\phi^{-1}(x_1), \phi^{-1}(x_2)) \le e^Q |x_1 - x_2|,$ b.  $d(\phi^{-1}(x_1), \phi^{-1}(x_2)) \ge \min(e^{-Q}|x_1 - x_2|, e^{-Q}(2r - |x_1| - |x_2|))$ where d is the distance metric on M for each Q > 0. Now let  $Q \rightarrow 0$  and use Arzela-Ascoli on  $\phi^{-1}$ . This gives us maps  $\phi^{-1}: B_r(0) \longrightarrow M$ : a.  $d(\phi^{-1}(x_1), \phi^{-1}(x_2)) < |x_1 - x_2|,$ b.  $d(\phi^{-1}(x_1), \phi^{-1}(x_2)) \ge \min(|x_1 - x_2|, (2r - |x_1| - |x_2|)).$ Hence  $\phi^{-1}$  is an isometry onto its image (at least near 0) and hence  $\phi$  is a well defined flat chart. Hence M is locally flat.

### Alternative Norms

Properties (n1)-(n4)can be replaced by the following properties: We have charts

$$\phi_{s}: U_{s} \subset M \longrightarrow B_{r}(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}, \ s \in I$$

so that

(n1') The Lebesgue number of  $(U_s)_{s \in I}$  is  $f_1(n, Q, r)$ . Recall that a cover has Lebesgue number  $\lambda$  if any ball of radius  $\lambda$  sits inside an element of this cover.

$$\begin{array}{ll} (n2') & |D\phi_{s}|, |D\phi_{s}^{-1}| \leq f_{2}(n, Q). \\ (n3') & \|\phi_{s}^{-1} \circ \phi_{t}\|_{C^{m+1,\alpha}} \leq f_{3}(n, Q, r). \\ (n4') & r^{|j|+\alpha} \|D^{j}((\phi_{s}^{-1})^{*}g)\|_{\alpha} \leq f_{4}(n, Q) \text{ for all multi-indices } j \\ & \text{ satisfying } 0 \leq |j| \leq m \end{array}$$

where  $f_i$  are continuous functions,  $f_1(n, \infty, r) = 0$  and  $f_2(n, 0) = 1$ .

For the fundamental theorem of convergence, we have assumed  $\alpha > 0$ . However, if  $m = \alpha = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{M}^0(n, Q, r)$  (the class of complete, pointed Riemannian *n*-manifolds satisfying  $\|(M,g)\|_{C^0,r} \leq Q$ ), is only precompact in the pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology. Also the characterization of flatness still holds.