

Recall: M k -mfd in \mathbb{R}^n

such that $\exists A \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ ^{open} and

$$\alpha: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \alpha(A) = M$$

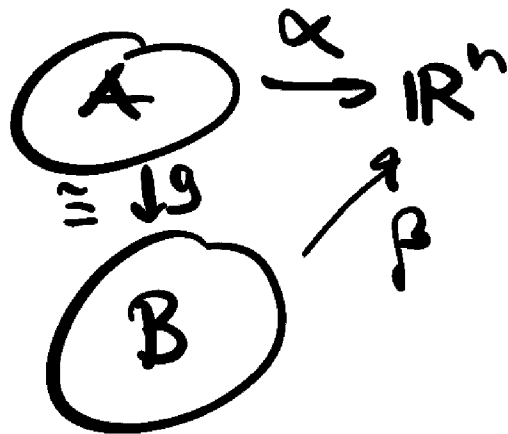
$$\omega \in \Omega^k(M)$$

$$\int_{M, \alpha} \omega := \int_A \alpha^* \omega.$$

- $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ ^{open}, $g: A \rightarrow B$ diffeo

$$\alpha: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \alpha = \beta \circ g$$

$$\beta: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$



$$\int_{M, \alpha} \omega = \varepsilon \int_{M, \beta} \omega$$

$$\varepsilon = \text{sign det } Dg$$

- g is orientation-preserving if $\varepsilon = +1$

- g is orientation-reversing if $\varepsilon = -1$

Def: Let M be a k -mfd in \mathbb{R}^n .

We say that M is orientable if for any two coord charts

$$\alpha_i: U_i \rightarrow V_i, \quad \begin{array}{l} U_i \subset \mathbb{R}^k \\ V_i \subset M \end{array}$$

$i=0,1$

with $V_0 \cap V_1 \neq \emptyset$, the coordinate change

$$\alpha_1^{-1} \circ \alpha_0: U_0 \rightarrow U_1$$

is orientation-preserving

If not, M is non-orientable.

An orientation on M is

a choice of a collection of

coord charts $\{\alpha_i: U_i \rightarrow V_i\}_{i \in I}$

covering M w/ all ori-preserving coord. changes.

We now describe the def of an orientation for k -mtds where $k=1, n-1, n$.

Def: Let M be an oriented k -manifold in \mathbb{R}^n .

Define a unit tangent as follows: choose a coord chart

$$\alpha: U \rightarrow V \text{ around } p \in M$$

belonging to the chosen orientation

$$T(p) := \left(p, \frac{D\alpha(t)}{\|D\alpha(t)\|} \right) \in T_p M$$

t_0 -parameter st $\alpha(t_0) = p$.

Remark This is just the normalization of the velocity tangent vector field



- An orientation on a 1-manifold is the same as the choice of a direction.
- Any 1-manifold is orientable.

It's clear that there are at least two "different" orientations: [↑]exactly it counted

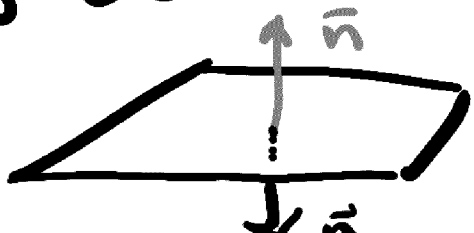


For $(n-1)$ -manifolds we instead define a unit normal vector field

Def $M = (n-1)$ -manifold in \mathbb{R}^n pick $(p, \vec{n}) \in T_p \mathbb{R}^n$ ^{unit vector} orthogonal to the $(n-1)$ -dim linear subspace

$$T_p M \subset T_p \mathbb{R}^n$$

(p, \vec{n}) is uniquely defined up to sign:



Pick an orientation on M &
a coord chart $\alpha: U \rightarrow V$ around
 $p \in M$, $x \in U: \alpha(x) = p$

A basis for $T_p M$ is

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x_{n-1}} \right\}.$$

Specify a sign for \vec{n} by
declaring

$$\left(\vec{n}, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x_{n-1}} \right) \text{ to}$$

be right-handed.

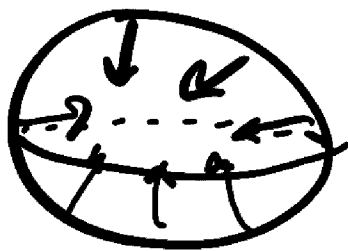
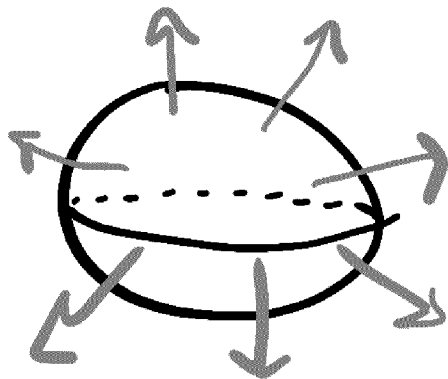
Meaning that the matrix

$$\left(\vec{n} \quad D\alpha(\bar{x}) \right) \text{ should}$$

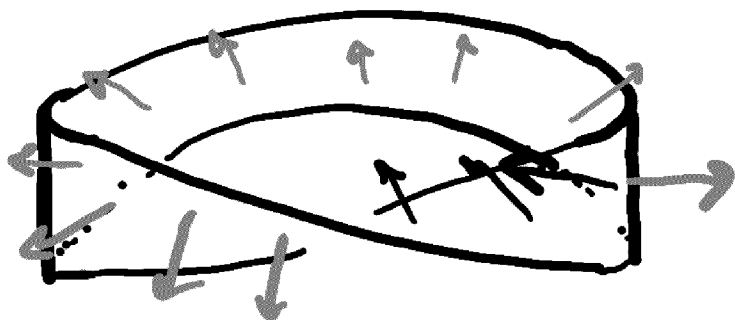
have positive determinant.



admits two orientations
 $S^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

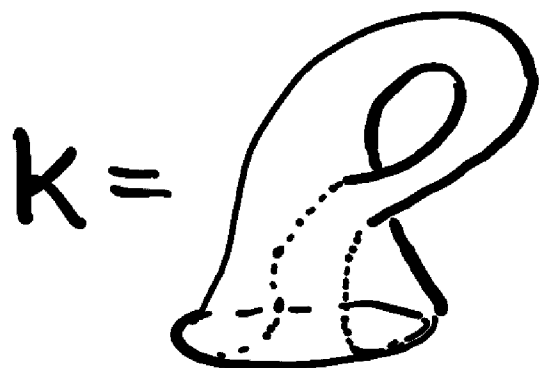


Ex: Not every
is orientable.



(n-1)-manifold
Möbius Strip
is non-orientable
because we
can not define
a unit normal
vector field
consistently.

Ex: The Klein bottle is also non-orientable for the



same reason.

Namely, choosing a normal direction to K at $x \in K$ can not be done consistently.

Def: Let M be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^n . Given a collection of coord charts $A = \{\alpha_i: U_i \rightarrow V_i\}$ covering M , the natural orientation wrt A is given by

$$\{\alpha_i: U_i \rightarrow V_i \mid \det D\alpha_i > 0\}$$

$$\cup \{\alpha_i \circ \tau: U_i \rightarrow V_i \mid \det D\alpha_i < 0\}$$

where $\tau: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (-x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Remark: ① Note that $\det D(\alpha_i \circ \tau) > 0$
Since $\det D\tau = \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1$

$$\det D(\alpha_i \circ \tau) = (\det D\alpha_i)(\det D\tau) > 0$$

② The map τ is the reflection in the first coordinate and used to "reverse" the orientation of those coord charts w/ the "wrong" orientation.

Def: η k -mfld in \mathbb{R}^n with orientation $\{\alpha_i: U_i \rightarrow V_i\}$.

The reverse orientation is given by $\{\alpha_i \circ \tau: U_i \rightarrow V_i\}$ where

$$\tau: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$$

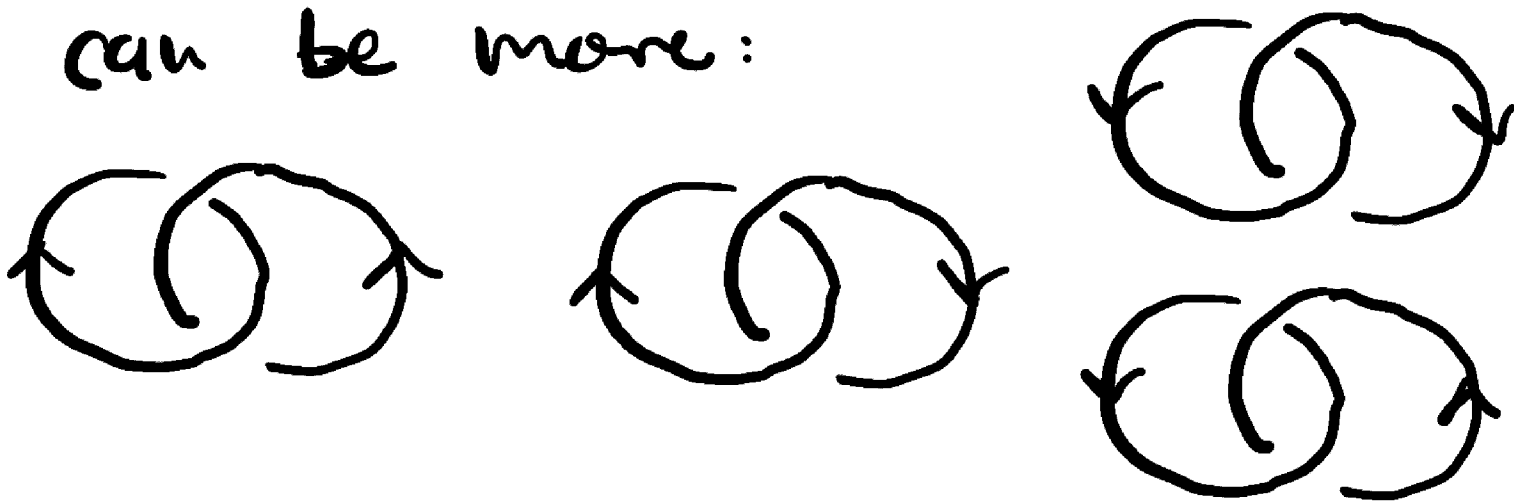
$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \mapsto (-x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

Remark: α_i overlaps negatively w/ $\alpha_i \circ \tau$, but if α, β overlaps

positively then so does $\alpha\sigma$ and $\beta\sigma$. (Note $r^{-1} = r$.)

A consequence of this is that there are at least two orientations on any k -manifold in \mathbb{R}^n , since reversing a given one gives a "new" orientation.

If M is connected there's exactly two. If M is disconnected there can be more:



orientations

$$= 2^{\text{\#conn. components}}$$

Manifolds with boundary

Thm: Let $k > 1$. If M is an orientable k -manifold with $\partial M \neq \emptyset$, then ∂M is orientable.

Proof: Recall the proof of the thm that ∂M is a $(k-1)$ -manifold.
: Take an atlas of M (collection of coord charts covering M) and restrict charts at points $x \in \partial M$



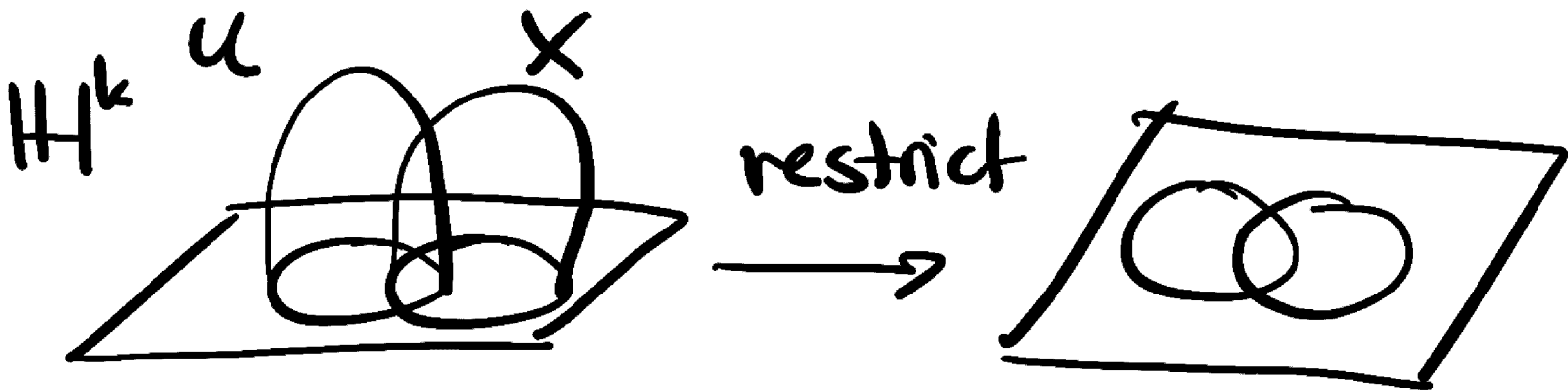
$$x = \alpha(p) \in \partial M$$

Now consider $\beta: X \rightarrow Y$
that overlaps positively w/ $\alpha: U \rightarrow V$
(both are coord charts at
 $x \in \partial M$)

measuring the transition function

$$g := \beta^{-1} \circ \alpha: U \cap X \rightarrow U \cap X$$

satisfies $\det Dg > 0$.



$$H^k = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_k) \mid x_k \geq 0 \}$$

$$\partial H^k = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, 0) \} \cong \mathbb{R}^{k-1}$$

If $p \in \partial H^k$ then

$$g = (g_1, \dots, g_k): U \cap X \rightarrow U \cap X$$

Note since $g(U \cap X \cap \partial H^k)$
 $\subset \partial M$

it follows that $g_k = g_k(x_k)$
is independent of x_1, \dots, x_{k-1} .

Also $\frac{\partial g_k}{\partial x_k} > 0$. Now observe

$$Dg = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \frac{\partial(g_1, \dots, g_{k-1})}{\partial(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1})} & * \\ \hline 0 & \frac{\partial g_k}{\partial x_k} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det Dg = \left(\det \frac{\partial(g_1, \dots, g_{k-1})}{\partial(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1})} \right) \frac{\partial g_k}{\partial x_k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \frac{\partial(g_1, \dots, g_{k-1})}{\partial(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1})} > 0$$

which is the det of the
Jacobian of the transition function
of the restricted coord charts
(= those coord charts in ∂M)

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