

Supplementary reading I:

Embeddings of manifolds (into Euclidean spaces)

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad S^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{E}^3, \quad \mathbb{RP}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{E}^4$$

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manifold structure / charts?
generalization

$\mathbb{RP}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{E}^3$ (by Alexander duality, needs
homology and cohomology)

Def Let $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$ be a finite (can be more general,
suffices here for applications) indexed open cover of
the space X . An indexed family of continuous
functions

$$\phi_i : X \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ for } i=1, \dots, k$$

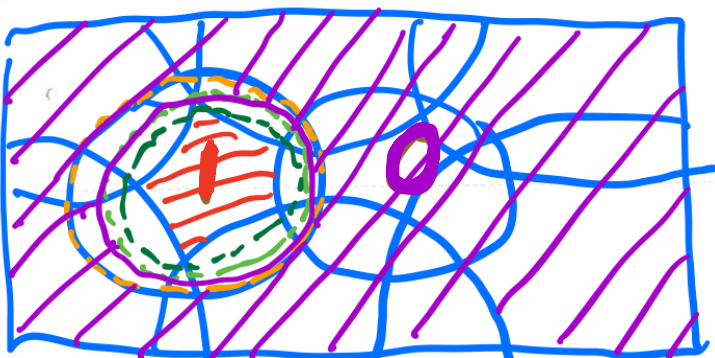
is said to be a partition of unity dominated by $\{U_i\}$ if

单位分解 subordinate to

- $\text{supp } \phi_i \subset U_i$ for each i
 $:= \{x \in X \mid \phi_i(x) \neq 0\}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^k \phi_i(x) = 1$ for each x
↑
 unity

Thm If X is T_4 , then a partition of unity exists for any finite open cover $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$ of X .

Pf A careful application of the Urysohn lemma.
 (harder for general X and cover, paracompact)



(green dashed circle) $\phi_i > 0$

$$\tilde{\phi}_i = \frac{\phi_i}{\sum_{k=1}^n \phi_k} \quad \square$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A_1 &= X - U_2 - U_3 - \dots - U_k \\ B_1 &= X - U_1 \supset X - U_1 \\ A_2 &= X - U_1'' - U_3 - \dots - U_k \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Urysohn } \phi_i : X \rightarrow [0, 1] \rightsquigarrow U_i = \phi_i^{-1}(0, 1]$$

cpt + Hausdorff $\Rightarrow T_4$

$C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is normal then X can be embedded

Cor If Λ is a cpt n -manifold, then Λ can be embedded into \mathbb{R}^N for some positive integer N .

Pf $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^k U_i$ with $f_i: U_i \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{E}^n$

Let $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^k$ be a partition of unity dominated by $\{U_i\}$. Write $A_i = \text{supp } \phi_i$ and define

$$\tilde{f}_i(x) = \begin{cases} \phi_i(x) \cdot f_i(x) & x \in U_i \\ \vec{0} & x \notin X - A_i \end{cases} \quad (\text{continuity is local on the source})$$

Define the embedding

$$f: X \longrightarrow \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \times \dots \times \mathbb{E}}_{k \text{ times}} \times \underbrace{\mathbb{E}^n \times \dots \times \mathbb{E}^n}_{k \text{ times}}$$

by

$$f(x) = (\underbrace{\phi_1(x), \dots, \phi_k(x)}_{\text{for injectivity}}, \tilde{f}_1(x), \dots, \tilde{f}_k(x)).$$

□

paracompactness [M, Thm 4.7]

Note See also [M, Thm 50.5] (sharper) and the Whitney embedding theorem for the smooth category.