

RIEMANN SURFACES - SPRING 2024

EXERCISES SHEET 2

Ex 1. The line passing through N and (x_0, y_0) is of the form

$$y = mx + q \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} \pm 1 = q \\ y_0 = mx_0 + q \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} q = \pm 1 \\ m = \frac{y_0 \mp 1}{x_0} \end{cases}$$

This assumes $(x_0, y_0) \neq N$, so $x_0 \neq 0$. We now want to solve

$$\begin{cases} y = 0 \\ y = \frac{y_0 \mp 1}{x_0} x \pm 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (x, y) = \left(\frac{x_0}{1 \mp y_0}, 0 \right)$$

In other words:

$$\varphi_N(x_0, y_0) = \frac{x_0}{1 - y_0} \quad \dots \quad \varphi_S(x_0, y_0) = \frac{x_0}{1 + y_0}$$

We want to compute now φ_N^{-1} . Consider the following line:

$$y = mx + q \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} \pm 1 = q \\ 0 = mt + q \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} q = \pm 1 \\ m = \mp \frac{1}{t} \end{cases}$$

So we have to solve

$$\begin{cases} y = \pm \left(1 - \frac{1}{t} x \right) \\ x^2 + y^2 = 1 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow x^2 + \left(1 - \frac{x}{t} \right)^2 = 1$$

The equation gives

$$\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{t^2} \right) x - \frac{2}{t} \right) x = 0 \quad \xRightarrow{\text{discard } x=0, y=1} (t^2+1)x = 2t \Rightarrow x = \frac{2t}{t^2+1}$$

Thus, $y = \pm \left(1 - \frac{2}{t^2+1} \right) = \pm \frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1}$. In other words,

$$\varphi_N^{-1}(t) = \left(\frac{2t}{t^2+1}, \frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1} \right) \quad \dots \quad \varphi_S^{-1}(t) = \left(\frac{2t}{t^2+1}, -\frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1} \right)$$

We want to prove that φ_N and φ_N^{-1} are continuous.

Note that the extension of φ_N to $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{y=0\}$, that is

$$\tilde{\varphi}_N: \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{y=0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (x, y) \mapsto \frac{x}{1-y}$$

is continuous. Thus, $\forall V \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ open, $\tilde{\varphi}_N^{-1}(V)$ is open in $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{y=0\}$. But

$$\varphi_N^{-1}(V) = \tilde{\varphi}_N^{-1}(V) \cap U_N$$

which is indeed open in U_N . This proves that φ_N is cont.

A similar argument holds for φ_N^{-1} . Same for φ_S and φ_S^{-1} .

The transition fct on U_{NS} is

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{NS}(t) &= \varphi_N \circ \varphi_S^{-1}(t) = \varphi_N \left(\frac{2t}{t^2+1}, -\frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{\frac{2t}{t^2+1}}{1 + \frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1}} = \frac{2t}{2t^2} = \frac{1}{t} \end{aligned}$$

which is smooth in the domain $\varphi_N(U_N \cap U_S) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

Ex 2. Take Γ_f as unique cover. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: \Gamma_f &\rightarrow U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \\ (x, y) &\mapsto x \end{aligned} \quad (\text{the projection})$$

is invertible, with inverse $x \mapsto (x, f(x)) \in \Gamma_f$. Both φ and φ^{-1} are continuous, since

$$\forall A \subseteq U \text{ open, } \varphi^{-1}(A) = (A \times \mathbb{R}^m) \cap \Gamma_f \text{ open}$$

Conversely, take $A \times B$ open in $U \times \mathbb{R}^m$. Then $\varphi(A \times B) = A$, which is open.

As for the transition fct, $\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} = \text{id}$ on U is smooth.

NB. We didn't even needed f smooth. In general, every atlas with a single chart is a smooth manifold.

Ex 3. Take $[z_0:z_1] \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$. Then, if $z_0 \neq 0$

$$[z_0:z_1] = [z_0 \bar{z}_0: z_1 \bar{z}_0]$$

$$= [|z_0|^2: z_1 \bar{z}_0]$$

$$= [\gamma_0: \gamma_1 + i\gamma_2] \quad \text{for } \gamma_i \in \mathbb{R}, \gamma_0 > 0$$

If $z_0 = 0$, we would have the same w/ $\gamma_0 = 0$.

Since we cannot have $y_0 = y_1 = y_2 = 0$, we find

$$y_0^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 = r^2 \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} [z_0 : z_1] &= \left[\frac{y_0}{r} : \frac{y_1}{r} + i \frac{y_2}{r} \right] \\ &= [x_0 : x_1 + i x_2], \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x_0 \geq 0 \\ &\quad x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now notice that if $z_0 \neq 0$, the point on

$$H = \{ (x_0, x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1, \quad x_0 \geq 0 \}$$

is uniquely defined. In contrast, if $z_0 = 0$ then

$$[0 : x_1 + i x_2] = [0 : 1] \quad \forall (x_1, x_2), \text{ scaling by } x_1 + i x_2.$$

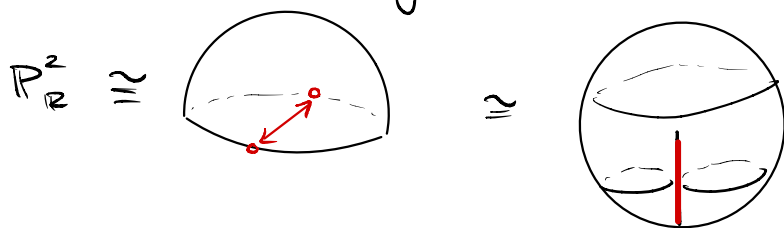
Thus, the whole boundary is identified to a point

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \cong \text{hemisphere} \cong S^2$$

Ex 4 The same argument for $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^2$ gives

$$[0 : x_1 : x_2] = [0 : -x_1 : -x_2]$$

Here the unique scaling is by ± 1 . Thus



Ex 5. Write $z = x + iy$, $w_i = \alpha_i + i\beta_i$ ($i=1,2$). Then we can always change variables $(x,y) \mapsto (u,v)$ so that

$$z = w_1 u + w_2 v$$

Indeed, the change of variables corresponds to the system

$$x = \alpha_1 u + \alpha_2 v$$

$$y = \beta_1 u + \beta_2 v$$

which has a solution (u,v) by linear indep. Thus, given z , we define

$$\Omega = Lu \downarrow w_1 + Lv \downarrow w_2 \in \Lambda$$

ceiling fct.

and set $z_0 = z - \Omega$. Then $z_0 \in P$. We also deduce that, topologically, $T \cong \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong S^1 \times S^1$.

The function $\pi|_P$ is injective in the interior of P . At the sides, we have

$$u w_1 \equiv u w_1 + w \quad \forall u \in [0,1]$$

$$v w_2 \equiv w_1 + v w_2 \quad \forall v \in [0,1]$$

In particular, all vertices of P are identified.

Take now $r < \min\{|w_1|, |w_2|\}$. Then $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}$, $\pi|_{B_r(z)}$ is one-to-one. Thus, we can take

$$\{U_z := \pi(B_r(z)), \varphi_z := (\pi|_{U_z})^{-1}\}_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$$

as atlas for T . Then, by φ_z are homeomorphisms by design. Besides, the transition maps are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{z_1, z_2}(z) &= z + \Omega, & \Omega &= (Lu_2 - Lu_1)w_1 \\ & & &+ (Lv_2 - Lv_1)w_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{for } z_i = u_i w_1 + v_i w_2.$$