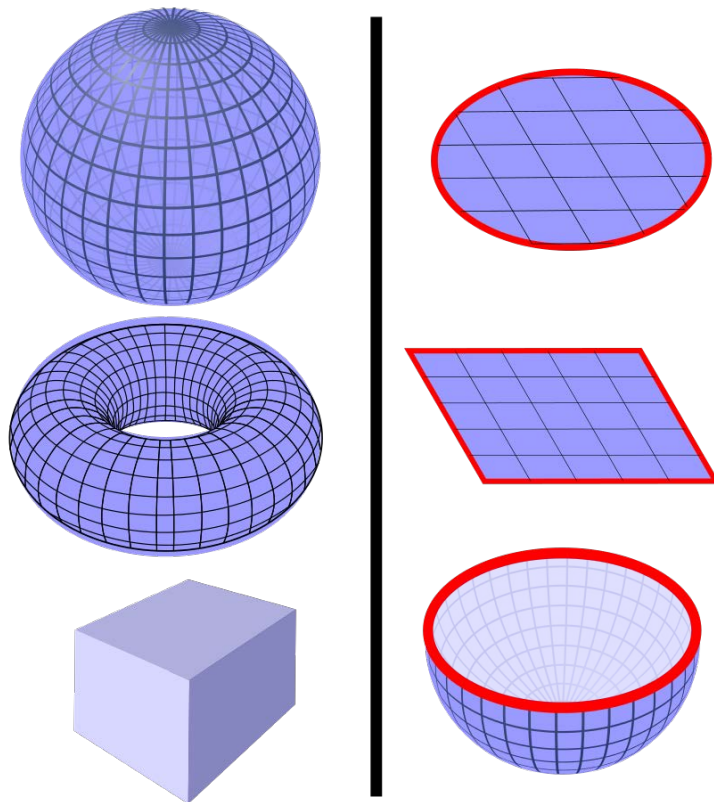


Homeomorphic manifolds



Topological manifolds
without or with
boundary



Differential structures on spheres of dimension 1 to 20 [\[edit\]](#)

The following table lists the number of smooth types of the topological m -sphere \mathbf{S}^m for the values of the dimension m from 1 up to 20. Spheres with a smooth, i.e. C^∞ -differential structure not smoothly diffeomorphic to the usual one are known as *exotic spheres*.

Dimension	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Smooth types	1	1	1	≥ 1	1	1	28	2	8	6	992	1	3	2	16256	2	16	16	523264	24

Immersion, submersion, submanifold

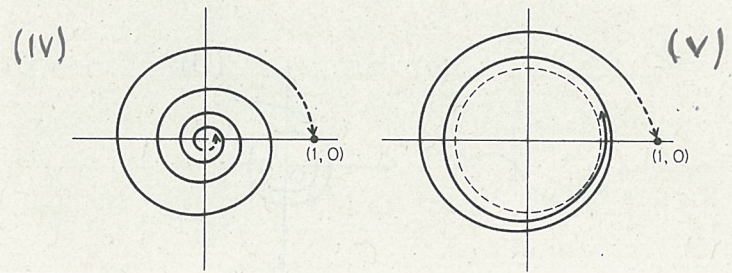
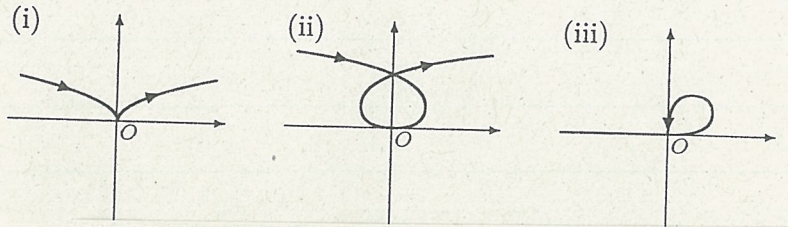
⚠ These definitions are not universal and can be slightly different depending on the authors.

Def: Let $f: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ be a smooth map between smooth manifolds of dim m and n respectively.

- f is an immersion if $\text{rank}(f)_p = m$ for any $p \in \mathcal{R}$.
- f is a submersion if $\text{rank}(f)_p = n$ for any $p \in \mathcal{R}$.

Examples: $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{R}, \mathcal{N} = \mathbb{R}^2$

i) $f: \mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto (t^3, t^2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is not an immersion since $[\frac{d}{dt}f](0) = (0, 0)$.



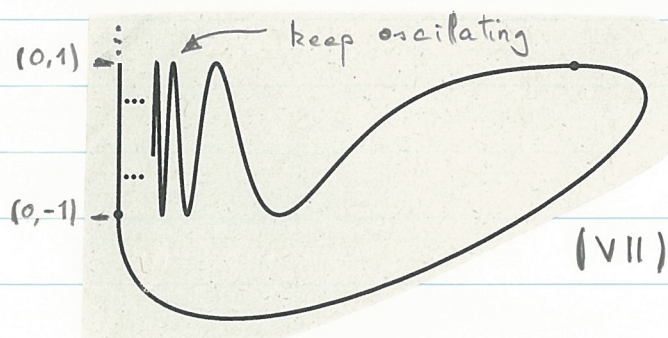
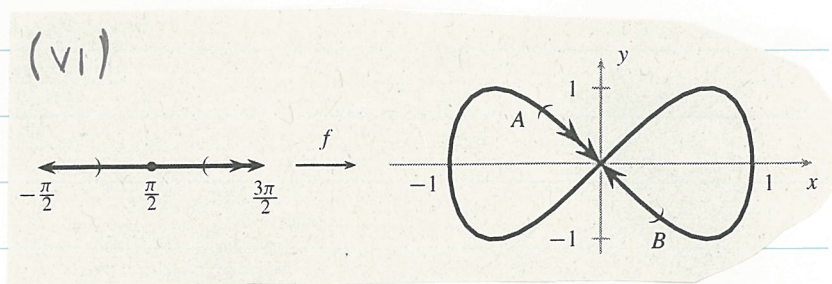
All the other examples are immersion

since $[\frac{d}{dt}f](t) = f'(t) \neq (0, 0) \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remarks: 1) An immersion can be injective, or not (like in (ii)).

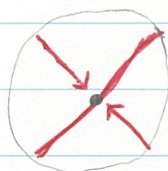
2) If f is an injective immersion, then $f(\mathcal{R})$ can be endowed with the topology and the differential structure of \mathcal{R} , but this is not really interesting since \mathcal{N} does not play any role. In this situation, $f(\mathcal{R})$ is called a submanifold or immersed submanifold.

Injective immersions can be of different nature when the topology of N is taken into account, even though the subspace (\equiv relative) topology.



For example, look at $(0,0)$ in (VI). In the relative topology any neighborhood of $(0,0)$ contains 3 parts:

neighborhood of $(0,0)$ in the relative topology



neighborhood of $(0,0)$ in the topology of $f(\mathbb{R})$.

The same phenomenon takes place on any point on $(0, x)$ with $x \in (-1, 1)$ in (VII), but the number of disconnected parts is even infinite!

Definition: A smooth map $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow N$ is called an embedding (or embedding) if it is an injective immersion and f defines a homeomorphism between \mathbb{R} and $f(\mathbb{R})$ when $f(\mathbb{R})$ is endowed with the relative topology inherited from N . $f(\mathbb{R})$ is called an embedded manifold.

immersed submanifold

Recall (from p 1) that a submanifold is the image of a manifold \mathcal{R} through a smooth map $f: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$, when $f(\mathcal{R})$ is endowed with the structure from \mathcal{R} . In this case f is a diffeomorphism between \mathcal{R} and $f(\mathcal{R})$.

Def: A subset N of a C^∞ -manifold \mathcal{R} has the n -submanifold property if $\forall p \in N$, there exists a chart (U, φ) on \mathcal{R} with $p \in U$ s. t.

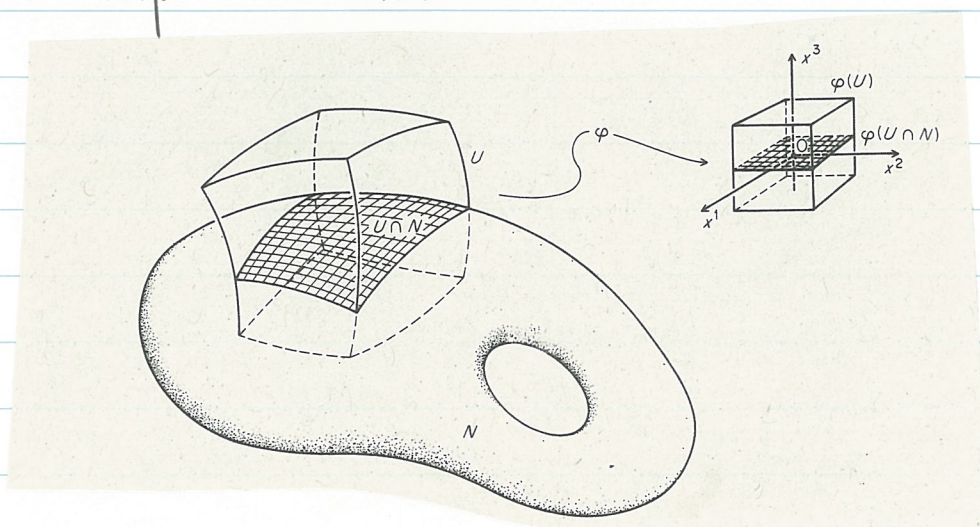
$$1) \varphi(p) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$2) \varphi(U) = C_\varepsilon^m(0) \leftarrow \text{cube in } \mathbb{R}^m, \text{ centered at } 0 \text{ and of side } 2\varepsilon.$$

$$3) \varphi(U \cap N) = \{x \in C_\varepsilon^m(0) \mid x^{n+1} = x^{n+2} = \dots = x^m = 0\}.$$

Such a chart is called preferred coordinates or adapted chart with respect to N .

Example with $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{R}^3$.



Note that an immersed submanifold does not always have this property.

Def: A regular submanifold of a smooth manifold M is a subset N of M with the n -submanifold property and with the C^∞ -structure provided by the preferred coordinate charts.

Examples of regular submanifolds are provided in [Tu, p 97].

The first version of the following Theorem has been proved by Whitney in 1936. It has then been simplified but it is still called the Whitney embedding theorem:

Thm: Any smooth manifold M of dimension n can be embedded in \mathbb{R}^{2n} . The image in \mathbb{R}^{2n} is closed.

extrinsic and intrinsic approach are related, but this embedding is not always so useful.