

Complex Manifolds - Riemann Surfaces

A complex manifold is a Hausdorff space M with a countable basis for its topology together with a maximal atlas \mathcal{A} such that the charts $U_i(\phi_i)$ in \mathcal{A} satisfy

1) $\phi_i : U_i \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n} = \mathbb{C}^n$ is a homeomorphism onto an open set of \mathbb{C}^n

2) If $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$, then the transition functions

$$\phi_i \circ \phi_j^{-1} : \phi_j(U_i \cap U_j) \longrightarrow \phi_i(U_i \cap U_j)$$

are biholomorphic (or bianalytic) diffeomorphisms.

This last statement means that the maps $\phi_i \circ \phi_j^{-1}$ (and the inverse $\phi_j \circ \phi_i^{-1}$) are analytic functions of the variables (z_1, \dots, z_n) on \mathbb{C}^n .

A Riemann Surface is a complex manifold of complex dimension one, i.e. $n=1$ above.

The simplest example of a compact Riemann surface is the Riemann Sphere

Example 1: The Riemann sphere: (or the extended

complex plane or one dimensional complex projective space $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$): Consider the one-point compactification

$\hat{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ of the complex plane. The best way of thinking of this is the stereographic projection of S^2 (example 3.6 pg 3.79). Now

$\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^2 \cong S^2 - \{(0,0,1)\}$ by stereographic projection.

This adding the "ideal point" ∞ corresponds to adding the "north pole" $(0,0,1)$ to the sphere (minus $(0,0,-1)$), so that $\hat{\mathbb{C}} \cong S^2$. However, the atlas given in example 3.6 is not quite right since it is not analytic. In terms of the coordinates used there, we have the

map $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$ given by

$$y_i \xrightarrow{f} \frac{y_i}{\|y\|^2} \quad \text{where } \|y\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^2 (y_i)^2. \text{ Let us}$$

define the complex coordinate by $z = y_1 + iy_2$

Then our map becomes $z \xrightarrow{f} \frac{z}{|z|^2} = \frac{1}{\bar{z}}$

where $|z|^2 = y_1^2 + y_2^2 = z\bar{z}$. Thus, if we compose this map with the complex conjugation map $\sigma: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $\sigma(z) = \bar{z}$, then

we have

$$\sigma \circ f(z) = \sigma\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = \frac{1}{z}, \text{ i.e. the map } z \mapsto \frac{1}{z}$$

This map is bianalytic from $\mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ to itself.
Hence S^2 is a complex manifold (called the Riemann sphere).

Example 2: The two ^{real} dimensional Torus: ~~is~~ ^{Complex} Torus

Begin with the complex plane $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^2$ and fix a complex number z with $\text{Im } z > 0$.

Consider the group of transformations on \mathbb{C}

$\Gamma = \{ \gamma_{n,m}(z) = z + n + mz : n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \}$, Γ is a discrete transformation group which acts properly discontinuously on \mathbb{C} (Notice that Γ is a discrete subgroup of the complex Lie group \mathbb{C} under addition). Thus \mathbb{C}/Γ is a C^∞ manifold.

But also it is a complex manifold since the maps $\gamma_{n,m} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are clearly bianalytic.

Thus the charts we constructed on M/Γ will be bianalytic since the chart on \mathbb{C} is. Thus \mathbb{C}/Γ is a complex manifold of complex dimension 1, a Riemann surface. Furthermore, the map sending $(z, w) \mapsto (e^{2\pi i z}, e^{2\pi i w})$ is a homeomorphism of \mathbb{C}/Γ onto the Torus ~~is~~ $S^1 \times S^1$.

