

Why this complement?

- 20 minutes deficit
- Finish Chapter 1
- Technical section
- Try out slides

## 1.5 Paracompactness and partitions of unity

Compactness properties of topological manifolds:

Let  $M$  be a topological manifold, with or without boundary.

- (i)  $M$  is Hausdorff and locally compact.
- (ii)  $M$  admits an exhaustion by compact sets.  
 $M \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} K_n$  with  $K_n \subseteq \text{int } K_{n+1}$ .  
(In part.  $M$  is  $\sigma$ -compact.)
- (iii)  $M$  is paracompact.  
*Every open cover has a locally finite refinement.*

*Proof: Exercise or [Lee, Top. Manifolds, Thm 4.77]*

### Definition (Top. dimension)

The **topological dimension** of  $X$  is the smallest integer  $m$  such that any open cover of  $X$  admits a refinement such that the intersection of  $m + 1$  subsets of the refinement is always empty.

### Theorem (Top. dimension of manifolds)

*Any topological manifold of dimension  $m$  has topological dimension  $m$ .*

*Proof: Not easy!*

## Definition (Normal space)

A top. space  $X$  is called **normal** if any pair of disjoint closed sets are contained in disjoint open sets.

## Proposition (See Lee, Thm. 4.81)

*Any paracompact Hausdorff space is normal.*

## Theorem (Urysohn's lemma (See Lee, Thm. 4.82))

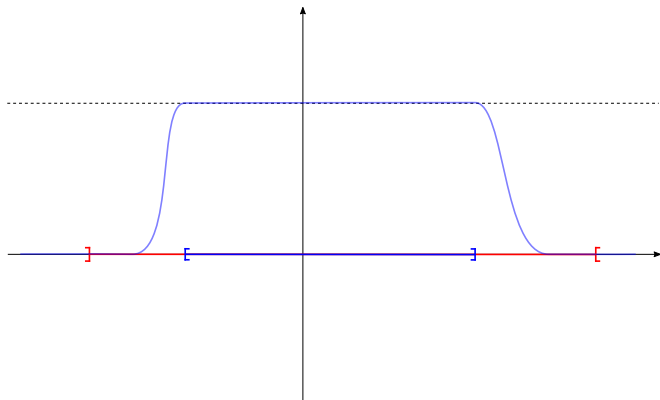
*Let  $X$  be normal. For any two disjoint closed sets  $A, B \subseteq X$ , there exists  $f: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  continuous such that  $f = 1$  on  $A$  and  $f = 0$  on  $B$ .*

# Bump functions

## Corollary (Existence of bump functions)

Let  $X$  be normal. For any  $A$  closed  $\subseteq U$  open, there exists  $f: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  continuous such that  $f = 1$  on  $A$  and  $\text{supp} f \subseteq U$ .

$f$  is called a **bump function** for  $A$  supported in  $U$ .



## Definition (Partition of unity)

Let  $X$  be a top. space. A **partition of unity** is a family of continuous functions  $\rho_i: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that:

- (i)  $\forall x \in X, \exists U \ni x$  s.t.  $\rho_i = 0$  for all but finitely many  $i \in I$ .
- (ii)  $\sum_{i \in I} \rho_i = 1$ .

It is **subordinate** to an open cover  $(U_i)_{i \in I}$  if  $\text{supp } \rho_i \subseteq U_i$  for all  $i \in I$ .

## Theorem (Existence of subordinate partitions of unity)

*If  $X$  is Hausdorff and paracompact, there exists a partition of unity subordinate to any open cover.*

*Proof: Exercise or [Lee, Thm 4.85].*

# Whitney's embedding theorem

Easy version of Whitney's theorem for topological manifolds:

## Theorem (Whitney's embedding theorem)

*Let  $M$  be a compact topological manifold. There exists a topological embedding  $F: \mathbb{R}^N$  for some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof:*

- (i) By compactness,  $M$  is covered by a finite atlas  $(U_i, \varphi_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, p\}}$ .*
- (ii) Let  $(\rho_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, p\}}$  be a partition of unity subordinate to this cover.*
- (iii) Define  $F_i: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  by  $F_i(x) = \rho_i(x)\varphi_i(x)\mathbb{1}_{U_i}(x)$  and define*

$$F: M \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m)^p \times \mathbb{R}^p$$
$$x \mapsto (F_1(x), \dots, F_p(x), \rho_1(x), \dots, \rho_p(x)).$$

- (iv)  $F$  is injective and continuous, therefore it is an embedding by compactness of  $M$ .*

## Remark (The noncompact case)

As a consequence of topological dimension, any (possibly noncompact) manifold has a *finite* atlas. The previous theorem generalizes to any manifold.

## Remark (Dimension of the embedding)

$M$  always embeds in some  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , but what is the minimum  $N$ ?