

GENERATING FAMILIES, DIMENSION

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In this lecture we introduce first the notion of *generating family*, and we give an application in the definition of *dimension in diffeology*. Applied to the quotients $\Delta_m = \mathbf{R}^m/\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{R}^m)$, we show that Δ_m and Δ_n are not diffeomorphic if $n \neq m$, and not diffeomorphic to the half-line $\Delta_\infty = [0, \infty[\subset \mathbf{R}$.

In this lecture we introduce first the notion of *generating family*, and we give an application in the definition of dimension.

The notion of *dimension* in diffeology, that was introduced in [?], is a quick and easy answer to the question: *For two different integers n and m , are the diffeological spaces $\Delta_n = \mathbf{R}^n/\mathcal{O}(n)$ and $\Delta_m = \mathbf{R}^m/\mathcal{O}(m)$ diffeomorphic?* We will show that since $\dim(\Delta_n) = n$ and since the dimension is a diffeological invariant, the answer is *No, they are not*. This method simplifies a partial result, obtained in a more complicated way in [?], stating that Δ_1 and Δ_2 are not diffeomorphic. The half-line $\Delta_\infty = [0, \infty[\subset \mathbf{R}$ is a similar example for which $\dim(\Delta_\infty) = \infty$. Hence, Δ_m is not diffeomorphic to the half-line Δ_∞ for any integer m . Dimension is a simple but powerful diffeological invariant. Thankfully, the diffeological dimension coincides with the usual definition when the diffeology space is an Euclidean domain, and a manifold. That is, when the diffeology is generated by local diffeomorphisms with \mathbf{R}^n , for some integer n .

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Generating Families

Diffeologies can be built by *generating families*. Any family of parametrizations of a set generates a diffeology. Conversely, any diffeology is generated by some set of parametrizations. This mode of construction of diffeologies is very useful because it can reduce the analysis of the properties of a diffeological space to a subset of its plots, hopefully smaller than the whole diffeology. The definition of generating diffeology leads to the definition of the dimension of a diffeological space, which is a first global invariant of the category $\{\text{Diffeology}\}$. But this construction also leads to the introduction of important subcategories of diffeological spaces, for example the category of manifolds, or the category of orbifolds and others.

1. Proposition *Let \mathcal{F} be a family of parametrizations of a set X . There exists a finest diffeology on X containing \mathcal{F} , it is called the *diffeology generated by \mathcal{F}* . It is denoted by $\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle$. The family \mathcal{F} is said to be a *generating family* of the diffeological space $(X, \langle \mathcal{F} \rangle)$. It is the intersection of the diffeologies containing \mathcal{F}*

$$\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle = \bigcap_{\substack{\mathcal{D} \in \text{Diffg}(X) \\ \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{D}}} \mathcal{D}.$$

Let X be a diffeological space, the set of families generating X will be denoted by $\text{Gen}(X)$.

If the family \mathcal{F} covers X , that is, if for all $x \in X$ there exists a parametrization $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $x = F(r)$, with $r \in \text{dom}(F)$, then a plot of $\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle$ is any parametrization $P: U \rightarrow X$ such that:

(♣) *For all $r \in U$ there exist an open neighborhood $V \subset U$ of r , a parametrization $F \in \mathcal{F}$, and a smooth parametrization $Q: V \rightarrow \text{dom}(F)$ such that $P \upharpoonright V = F \circ Q$.*

If the family \mathcal{F} does not cover X , the easiest way is to add the constant parametrizations

$$\hat{x}: \mathbf{R}^0 \rightarrow X \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{x}(0) = x,$$

to \mathcal{F} . That gives a family $\hat{\mathcal{F}}$ that covers X and

$$\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle = \langle \hat{\mathcal{F}} \rangle.$$

Note 1. The empty family \emptyset generates the discrete family,

$$\langle \emptyset \rangle = \mathcal{D}_\circ.$$

Note 2. The diffeology \mathcal{D} of a diffeological space X belongs to $\text{Gen}(X)$. Generating family is a projector:

$$\langle \mathcal{D} \rangle = \mathcal{D}$$

Note 3. Generating families is an increasing function of fineness

$$\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}' \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle \mathcal{F} \rangle \subset \langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle.$$

2. Proposition [Pushing Forward Families] Let X and X' be two sets. Let \mathcal{F} be a family of parametrizations of X , and let $f : X \rightarrow X'$ be a map.

The pushforward $f_*(\mathcal{F})$ of the family \mathcal{F} by f is defined by

$$f_*(\mathcal{F}) = \{f \circ F \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

Then, the diffeology generated by the pushforward of the family \mathcal{F} by f is the pushforward by f of the diffeology generated by \mathcal{F} , that is,

$$\langle f_*(\mathcal{F}) \rangle = f_*(\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle).$$

In particular, let X and X' be two diffeological spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow X'$ be a subduction. The pushforward $f_*(\mathcal{F})$ of any generating family \mathcal{F} for X is a generating family for X' .

3. Proposition [Pulling Back Families] Let X and X' be two sets. Let \mathcal{F}' be a family of parametrizations of X' , and let $f : X \rightarrow X'$ be any map. Let us define the **pullback of the family \mathcal{F}' by f** as the family $f^*(\mathcal{F}')$ of parametrizations $F : U \rightarrow X$ satisfying the following property:

- (\blacklozenge) Either $f \circ F$ is constant or there exist an element $F' : U' \rightarrow X'$ of \mathcal{F}' , and a smooth parametrization $\varphi : U \rightarrow U'$, such that $F' \circ \varphi = f \circ F$.

Then, the diffeology generated by the pullback $f^*(\mathcal{F}')$ is the pullback by f of the diffeology generated by \mathcal{F}' , that is,

$$\langle f^*(\mathcal{F}') \rangle = f^*(\langle \mathcal{F}' \rangle).$$

In particular, let X and X' be two diffeological spaces, and let $f : X \rightarrow X'$ be an induction. The pullback $f^*(\mathcal{F}')$ of any generating family \mathcal{F}' for X' is a generating family for X . Unfortunately, compared with the pushforward of a family, pulling back a small generating family may lead to a huge family, almost as big as the diffeology itself. That will be the next example.

Note. The choice of a generating family is relatively arbitrary. For example, the empty family is equivalent to the family of constant parametrizations. If the family \mathcal{F}' is empty, its pullback is not empty, but is the set of the parametrizations of X with values in the preimages of points $f^{-1}(x')$, $x' \in X'$. This is not surprising since the pullback of the discrete diffeology is the sum of the preimages of points, equipped with the coarse diffeology.

4. Example [Generating the Half-Line] Let the half line $[0, \infty[\subset \mathbf{R}$ be equipped with the subset diffeology of \mathbf{R} . Let \mathcal{F} be the generating family of \mathbf{R} reduced to the identity, $\mathcal{F} = \{1_{\mathbf{R}}\}$. Then the pullback of the generating family \mathcal{F} by the inclusion $j : [0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is the whole diffeology of $[0, \infty[$.

The pullback $j^*(\{1_{\mathbf{R}}\})$ is the set of parametrizations $F : U \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ such that $j \circ F$ is constant, or there exist an element $F' \in \{1_{\mathbf{R}}\}$ and a smooth parametrization $\varphi : U \rightarrow \text{dom}(F')$ with $j \circ F = F' \circ \varphi$. Thus, $F' = 1_{\mathbf{R}}$, $\text{dom}(F') = \mathbf{R}$, and then $F = \varphi$. Therefore, F is any smooth parametrization of \mathbf{R} with values in $[0, \infty[$, and $j^*(\{1_{\mathbf{R}}\})$ is the whole diffeology of the half-line.

Local Diffeology

Be aware that, if the concept of locality does exists in diffeology and can be of some help, the diffeology is never weaker than its associated D-topology.

5. Definition [Local smooth maps and local diffeomorphisms] Let X and X' be two sets equipped with the diffeologies \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{D}' respectively. Let f be a map defined on a subset $A \subset X$ to X' . We denote:

$$f : X \supset A \rightarrow X'.$$

We say that f is a **local smooth map** if for every $P \in \mathcal{D}$, $f \circ P \in \mathcal{D}'$. This implies in particular that $P^{-1}(A)$ is an Euclidean domain. That is, A is open for the D-topology of X (see below).

Proposition. *The composite of local smooth maps is a local smooth map.*

Definition. *The map f is said to be a **local diffeomorphism** if f is an injective local smooth map as well as its inverse f^{-1} , defined on $f(A) \subset X'$.*

Note *In particular, manifolds are diffeological spaces generated by local diffeomorphisms with \mathbf{R}^n , for some integer n .*

6. Definition [D-Topology] *Let X be a diffeological space, and \mathcal{D} be its diffeology. there exists on X a finest topology such that the plots $P \in \mathcal{D}$ are continuous. It is called the **D-Topology** [?].*

*A subset \mathcal{O} of X is **D-open**, that is, open for the D-topology, if and only if $P^{-1}(\mathcal{O})$ is an open subset of $\text{dom}(P)$.*

1. Dimension of a diffeology

In this paragraph, we define the **global dimension** of a diffeology or a diffeological space. This dimension is a diffeological invariant. Further we will see a finer invariant, the dimension map.

7. Definition [Dimension of a parametrization] *Let P be a n -parametrization of some set X , $n \in \mathbf{N}$. We say that n is the **dimension** of P , and we denote it by $\text{dim}(P)$. That is,*

$$\forall P \in \text{Params}(X), \text{dim}(P) = n \Leftrightarrow P \in \text{Params}_n(X).$$

8. Definition [Dimension of a Family of Parametrizations] *Let X be a set and let \mathcal{F} be any family of parametrizations of X . We define the **dimension** of \mathcal{F} as the supremum of the dimensions of its elements,*

$$\text{dim}(\mathcal{F}) = \sup\{\text{dim}(F) \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

Note that $\text{dim}(\mathcal{F})$ can be infinite if for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$ there exists an element F of \mathcal{F} such that $\text{dim}(F) = n$. In this case we denote $\text{dim}(\mathcal{F}) = \infty$.

9. Definition [Dimension of a Diffeology] *Let \mathcal{D} be a diffeology. The **dimension** of \mathcal{D} is defined as the infimum of the dimensions of its generating families:*

$$\text{dim}(\mathcal{D}) = \inf\{\text{dim}(\mathcal{F}) \mid \langle \mathcal{F} \rangle = \mathcal{D}\}.$$

Let X be a diffeological space and \mathcal{D} be its diffeology, we define the dimension of X as the dimension of \mathcal{D} :

$$\dim(X) = \dim(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{\infty\}.$$

10. Proposition [Dimensions of Euclidean Domains] The diffeological dimension of a Euclidean domain $U \subset \mathbf{R}^n$, equipped with the standard diffeology, is equal to n :

$$\forall U \in \text{Domains}(\mathbf{R}^n), \quad \dim(U) = n.$$

◀*Proof.* Let 1_U be the identity map of U . The singleton $\{1_U\}$ is a generating family of U , therefore, $\dim(U) \leq \dim\{1_U\}$. Since $\dim\{1_U\} = n$, $\dim(U) \leq n$. Now let us assume that $\dim(U) < n$. Then, there exists a generating family \mathcal{F} for U such that $\dim(\mathcal{F}) < n$. Since the identity map 1_U is a plot in U , it lifts locally at every point along some element of \mathcal{F} . Thus, for any $r \in U$ there exist a superset V of r , a parametrization $F: W \rightarrow U$, element of \mathcal{F} (that is $F \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(W, U)$) and a smooth map $Q: V \rightarrow W$, such that $1_U \upharpoonright V = 1_V = F \circ Q$. But $\dim(\mathcal{F}) < n$ implies that $\dim(F) = \dim(W) < n$. Now, the rank of the linear tangent map $D(F \circ Q)$ is less or equal to $\dim(W) < n$, but $D(F \circ Q) = D(1_V) = 1_{\mathbf{R}^n}$, thus $\text{rank}(D(F \circ Q)) = \text{rank}(1_{\mathbf{R}^n}) = n$. Therefore, there is no generating family \mathcal{F} of U with $\dim(\mathcal{F}) < n$, and $\dim(U) = n$. ▶

11. Proposition [Dimension zero spaces are discrete] A diffeological space has dimension zero if and only if it is discrete.

◀*Proof.* Let X be a set equipped with the discrete diffeology. Any plot $P: U \rightarrow X$ is locally constant. Then, for any $r \in U$, P lifts locally along the 0-plot $\mathbf{x} = [0 \mapsto x]$, where $x = P(r)$. Hence, the 0-plots form a generating family and $\dim(X) = 0$. Conversely, let X be a diffeological space such that $\dim(X) = 0$. Then, the 0-plots generate the diffeology of X . But, any plot lifting locally along a 0-plot is locally constant. Therefore, X is discrete. ▶

12. [The dimension is a diffeological invariant] If two diffeological spaces are diffeomorphic, then they have the same dimension.

◀*Proof.* Let X and X' be two diffeological spaces and let $f \in \text{Diff}(X, X')$. Let \mathcal{F} be a generating family of X . The pushforward $\mathcal{F}' = f_*(\mathcal{F})$ made of the plots $f \circ F$, where $F \in \mathcal{F}$, is clearly

a generating family of X' . Conversely we have f^{-1} . Therefore, $\dim(X) = \dim(X')$. ►

13. Example [Has the set $\{0, 1\}$ dimension 1?] Let us consider the set $\{0, 1\}$. Let $\pi: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be the parametrization defined by:

$$\pi(x) = 0 \text{ if } x \in \mathbf{Q}, \text{ and } \pi(x) = 1 \text{ otherwise.}$$

Let $\{0, 1\}_\pi$ be the set $\{0, 1\}$ equipped with the diffeology generated by π . Since $\{\pi\}$ is a generating family, the dimension of $\{0, 1\}_\pi$ is less than or equal to $1 = \dim(\{\pi\})$. But, since the plot π is not locally constant, by density of the rational (or irrational) numbers in \mathbf{R} , the space $\{0, 1\}_\pi$ is not discrete. Hence, $\dim\{0, 1\}_\pi \neq 0$, and finally $\dim\{0, 1\}_\pi = 1$. Thus, a finite diffeological space may have a dimension non zero.

14. Example [Dimension of tori] Let $\Gamma \subset \mathbf{R}$ be any strict subgroup of $(\mathbf{R}, +)$ and let T_Γ be the quotient \mathbf{R}/Γ , whose diffeology is generated by the projection class: $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}/\Gamma$. Then,

$$\dim(T_\Gamma) = 1.$$

This applies in particular to the circles $\mathbf{R}/a\mathbf{Z}$, with perimeter $a > 0$, or to *irrational tori* when Γ is generated by more than one generators, rationally independent.

◄*Proof.* Since \mathbf{R} is a Euclidean domain, class is a plot of the quotient, and $\mathcal{F} = \{\text{class}\}$ is a generating family of \mathbf{R}/Γ , and $\dim(\mathcal{F}) = 1$. Thus, as a direct consequence of the definition $\dim(\mathbf{R}/\Gamma) \leq 1$. Now, if $\dim(\mathbf{R}/\Gamma) = 0$, then the diffeology of the quotient is generated by the constant parametrizations. But π is not locally constant, therefore $\dim(\mathbf{R}/\Gamma) = 1$. ►

2. Dimension Map of a Diffeological Space

Because diffeological spaces are not necessarily homogeneous, the global dimension of a diffeological space is a too rough invariant. It is necessary to refine this definition and to introduce the dimension function of a diffeological space, defined at each of its points.

The dimension function of diffeological spaces is the simplest numeral invariant in diffeology.

15. Definition [Pointed plots and germ of a diffeological space] Let X be a diffeological space, let $x \in X$. Let $P: U \rightarrow X$ be a plot. We say that P is *pointed at x* if $0 \in U$ and $P(0) = x$. We will agree

that the set of *germs* of the pointed plots of X at x represents the *germ of the diffeology* at this point, and we shall denote it by \mathcal{D}_x .

16. Definition [Local generating families] Let X be a diffeological space and let x be a point in X . We shall call *local generating family at x* any family \mathcal{F} of plots of X such that:

- (1) Every element P of \mathcal{F} is pointed at x , that is, $0 \in \text{dom}(P)$ and $P(0) = x$.
- (2) For all plots $P: U \rightarrow X$ pointed at x , there exists a superset V of $0 \in U$, a parametrization $F: W \rightarrow X$ belonging to \mathcal{F} and a smooth parametrization $Q: V \rightarrow W$ pointed at $0 \in W$, such that $F \circ Q = P \upharpoonright V$.

We shall say also that \mathcal{F} *generates the germ* \mathcal{D}_x of the diffeology \mathcal{D} of X at the point x . And we denote

$$\mathcal{D}_x = \langle \mathcal{F} \rangle.$$

Note that, for any x in X , the set of local generating families at x is not empty, since it contains the set of all the plots pointed at x , and this set contains the constant parametrizations with value x .

17. Proposition [Union of local generating families] Let X be a diffeological space. Let us choose, for every $x \in X$, a local generating family \mathcal{F}_x at x . The union \mathcal{F} of all these local generating families,

$$\mathcal{F} = \bigcup_{x \in X} \mathcal{F}_x,$$

is a generating family of the diffeology of X .

◀*Proof.* Let $P: U \rightarrow X$ be a plot, let $r \in U$ and $x = P(r)$. Let T_r be the translation $T_r(r') = r' + r$. Let $P' = P \circ T_r$ defined on $U' = T_r^{-1}(U)$. Since the translations are smooth, the parametrization P' is a plot of X . Moreover P' is pointed at x , $P'(0) = P \circ T_r(0) = P(r) = x$. By definition of a local generating family, there exists an element $F: W \rightarrow X$ of \mathcal{F}_x , a superset V' of $0 \in U'$ and a smooth parametrization $Q': V' \rightarrow W$, pointed at 0 , such that $P' \upharpoonright V' = F \circ Q'$. Thus, $P \circ T_r \upharpoonright V' = F \circ Q'$, that is, $P \upharpoonright V = F \circ Q$, where $V = T_r(V')$ and $Q = Q' \circ T_r^{-1}$. Hence, P lifts locally, at every point of its domain, along an element of \mathcal{F} . Therefore, \mathcal{F} is a generating family of the diffeology of X . ▶

18. Definition [The dimension map] Let X be a diffeological space and let x be a point of X . By analogy with the global dimension

of X , we define the *dimension of X at the point x* by:

$$\dim_x(X) = \inf\{\dim(\mathcal{F}) \mid \langle \mathcal{F} \rangle = \mathcal{D}_x\}.$$

The map $x \mapsto \dim_x(X)$, with values in $\mathbf{N} \cup \{\infty\}$, will be called the *dimension map* of the space X .

19. Proposition [Global dimension and dimension map] Let X be a diffeological space. The global dimension of X is the supremum of the dimension map of X :

$$\dim(X) = \sup_{x \in X} \{\dim_x(X)\}.$$

◀*Proof.* Let \mathcal{D} be the diffeology of X . Let us prove first that for every $x \in X$, $\dim_x(X) \leq \dim(X)$, which implies that $\sup_{x \in X} \dim_x(X) \leq \dim(X)$. For that we shall prove that for any $x \in X$ and any generating family \mathcal{F} of \mathcal{D} , $\dim_x(X) \leq \dim(\mathcal{F})$. Then, since $\dim(X) = \inf\{\dim(\mathcal{F}) \mid \mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{D} \text{ and } \langle \mathcal{F} \rangle = \mathcal{D}\}$ we shall get, $\dim_x(X) \leq \dim(X)$. Now, let \mathcal{F} be a generating family of \mathcal{D} . For any plot $P: U \rightarrow X$ pointed at x , let us choose an element F of \mathcal{F} such that: there exists a superset V of $0 \in U$ and a smooth parametrization $Q: V \rightarrow \text{def}(F)$, such that $F \circ Q = P \upharpoonright V$. Then, let $r = Q(0)$ and T_r be the translation $T_r(r') = r' + r$. Let $F' = F \circ T_r$, defined on $T_r^{-1}(\text{def}(F))$. Thus, $F'(0) = x$, and F' is a plot of X , pointed at x , such that $\dim(F') = \dim(F)$. Let $Q' = T_r^{-1} \circ Q$, then Q' is smooth and $P \upharpoonright V = F' \circ Q'$. Thus, the set \mathcal{F}'_x of all these plots F' associated with the plots pointed at x is a generating family of \mathcal{D}_x , and for each of them $\dim(F') = \dim(F) \leq \dim(\mathcal{F})$. Therefore, $\dim(\mathcal{F}'_x) \leq \dim(\mathcal{F})$. But, $\dim_x(X) \leq \dim(\mathcal{F}'_x)$, hence $\dim_x(X) \leq \dim(\mathcal{F})$. And we conclude that $\dim_x(X) \leq \dim(X)$, for any $x \in X$, and $\sup_{x \in X} \dim_x(X) \leq \dim(X)$.

Now, let us prove that $\dim(X) \leq \sup_{x \in X} \dim_x(X)$. Let us assume that $\sup_{x \in X} \dim_x(X)$ is finite. Otherwise, according to the previous part we have $\sup_{x \in X} \dim_x(X) \leq \dim(X)$, and then $\dim(X)$ is infinite and $\sup_{x \in X} \dim_x(X) = \dim(X)$. Now, for any $x \in X$, $\dim_x(X)$ is finite. And since the sequence of the dimensions of the generating families of \mathcal{D}_x is lower bounded, there exists for any x a generating family \mathcal{F}_x such that $\dim_x(X) = \dim(\mathcal{F}_x)$. For every x in X let us choose one of them. Now, let us define \mathcal{F}_m as the union of all these chosen families. According to a proposition above, \mathcal{F}_m is a generating family of \mathcal{D} . Hence, $\dim(X) \leq \dim(\mathcal{F}_m)$. But

$\dim(\mathcal{F}_m) = \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_m} \dim(F) = \sup_{x \in X} \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_x} \dim(F) = \sup_{x \in X} \dim(\mathcal{F}_x) = \sup_{x \in X} \dim_x(X)$. Therefore, $\dim(X) \leq \sup_{x \in X} \dim_x(X)$. And we can conclude, from the two parts above, that $\dim(X) = \sup_{x \in X} \dim_x(X)$.

►

20. Proposition [The dimension map is a local invariant] Let X and X' be two diffeological spaces. If $x \in X$ and $x' \in X'$ are two points related by a local (a fortiori global) diffeomorphism, then $\dim_x(X) = \dim_{x'}(X')$.

21. Proposition [Dimensions of Manifolds] A n -manifold is a diffeological space X generated by local diffeomorphisms with \mathbf{R}^n . Each such local diffeomorphism is called a *chart* of X . Note that, each point is locally equivalent to any other point: there exists always a local diffeomorphism from one point to any other. The dimension function is constant, equal to the global dimension. Now, since there is always a chart mapping $0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$ to $x \in X$, $\dim_x(X) = \dim_0(\mathbf{R}^n) = n$. Therefore, $\dim(X) = n$. Which is coherent with the usual dimension in differential geometry.

22. Proposition [Klein decomposition] Let X be a diffeological space. The local diffeomorphisms of X split the space into classes, according to the relation: $x \sim x'$ if and only if there exists a local diffeomorphism f mapping x to x' . These classes are called the *orbits of the local diffeomorphisms* of X . We call these classes *Klein's orbit*. The dimension map is constant on each Klein's orbit.

3. Examples of the half-lines

23. Proposition [The half-lines Δ_n] Let $\Delta_n = \mathbf{R}^n / \mathcal{O}(n)$ equipped with the quotient diffeology, $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Then, $\dim_0(\Delta_n) = n$, and $\dim_x(\Delta_n) = 1$ if $x \neq 0$. Thus, $\dim(\Delta_n) = n$ and for $n \neq m$ the half-lines Δ_n and Δ_m are not diffeomorphic.

◄*Proof.* Let $n > 0$, and let us denote by $\text{class}_n : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \Delta_n$ the projection from \mathbf{R}^n onto its quotient. There is a natural bijection $f : \Delta_n \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ such that

$$f \circ \text{class}_n = \nu_n \quad \text{with} \quad \nu_n(x) = \|x\|^2.$$

Now, thanks to the uniqueness of quotients, we use f to identify Δ_n with $[0, \infty[$, equipped with the diffeology \mathcal{D}_n generated by ν_n .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{R}^n & & \\
 \pi_n \downarrow & \searrow \nu_n & \\
 \Delta_n & \xrightarrow{f} & [0, \infty[
 \end{array}$$

The elements of \mathcal{D}_n consist of the parametrizations which can be lifted locally along ν_n by smooth parametrizations of \mathbf{R}^n . Thus, since $\dim(\nu_n) = n$, we get

$$\dim(\Delta_n) \leq n.$$

Let us prove now that $\dim(\Delta_n) \geq n$:

Let us assume that ν_n , which is an element of \mathcal{D}_n , can be lifted locally, at the point 0_n , along a plot

$$P \in \mathcal{D}_n \quad \text{with} \quad \dim(P) = p < n.$$

Then, there exists a smooth parametrization

$$\varphi : V \rightarrow \text{dom}(P) \quad \text{such that} \quad P \circ \varphi = \nu_n \upharpoonright V.$$

We can assume without loss of generality that

$$0_p \in \text{dom}(P), \quad P(0_p) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(0_n) = 0_p.$$

Now, since P is an element of \mathcal{D}_n , there exists a smooth parametrization

$$\psi : W \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n \quad \text{such that} \quad 0_p \in W \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_n \circ \psi = P \upharpoonright W.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & W & & \\
 & \nearrow \varphi \upharpoonright V' & \downarrow P \upharpoonright W & \searrow \psi & \\
 V' & \xrightarrow{\nu_n \upharpoonright V'} & [0, \infty[& \xleftarrow{\nu_n} & \mathbf{R}^n
 \end{array}$$

Let $V' = \varphi^{-1}(W)$, we get

$$\nu_n \upharpoonright V' = \nu_n \circ F \quad \text{with} \quad F = \psi \circ \varphi \upharpoonright V',$$

and

$$F \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(V', \mathbf{R}^n), \quad 0_n \in V' \quad \text{and} \quad F(0_n) = 0_n,$$

that is

$$\|x\|^2 = \|F(x)\|^2.$$

The second derivative of this identity computed at the point 0_n gives

$$1_n = M^t M \quad \text{with} \quad M = D(F)(0_n).$$

But

$$M = AB \quad \text{with} \quad A = D(\psi)(0_p) \quad \text{and} \quad B = D(\varphi)(0_n).$$

Thus, $1_n = B^t A^t AB$, which is impossible because $\text{rank}(B) \leq p < n$. Therefore, $\dim(\Delta_n) = n$. And, since the dimension is a diffeological invariant, Δ_n is not diffeomorphic to Δ_m for $n \neq m$. \blacktriangleright

24. Proposition [The half-line Δ_∞] The dimension of a diffeological subspace $A \subset X$ can be less, equal, or even greater than the dimension of X . The following example is an illustration of this phenomenon. Let $\Delta_\infty = [0, \infty[\subset \mathbf{R}$, equipped with the subset diffeology. Then,

$$\dim_0(\Delta_\infty) = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \dim_x(\Delta_\infty) = 1 \quad \text{if} \quad x \neq 0.$$

Thus, $\dim(\Delta_\infty) = \infty$, and for any integer m , Δ_∞ is not diffeomorphic to Δ_m .

\blacktriangleleft *Proof.* Let us assume that $\dim(\Delta_\infty) = N < \infty$. For any integer n , the map $\nu_n : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \Delta_\infty$, defined by $\nu_n(x) = \|x\|^2$, belongs to \mathcal{D}_∞ , the subset diffeology on $[0, \infty[$. Hence, ν_n lifts locally at the point 0_n along some $P \in \mathcal{D}_\infty$, where $\dim(P) = p \leq N$. Now, let us choose $n > N$. Then, P belongs to some $\mathcal{C}^\infty(U, \mathbf{R})$ with $\text{Values}(P) \subset [0, \infty[$, and there exists a smooth parametrization $\varphi : V \rightarrow U$ such that $P \circ \varphi = \nu_n \upharpoonright V$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & U \\ & \nearrow \varphi & \downarrow f \\ V & \xrightarrow{\nu_n \upharpoonright V} & [0, \infty[\end{array}$$

We can assume, without loss of generality, that $0_p \in U$, $\varphi(0_p) = 0_p$, and thus: $P(0_p) = 0$. Now, the first derivative of ν_n at a point $x \in V' = \varphi^{-1}(V)$ is given by $x = D(P)(\varphi(x)) \circ D(\varphi)(x)$. But, since P is smooth and positive, and since $P(0) = 0$ we have $D(P)(0_p) = 0$. Hence, the second derivative of ν_n computed at the point 0_n

gives $1_n = M^\dagger HM$, where $M = D(\varphi)(0)$ and $H = D^2(P)(0)$. But since $\text{rank}(M) \leq p \leq N$ and $n > N$, this is impossible. Therefore, $\dim(\Lambda_\infty) = \infty$. ►

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