

The Grothendieck topos of generalized smooth functions

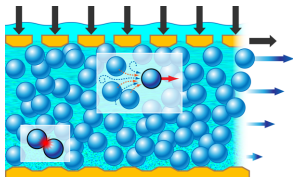
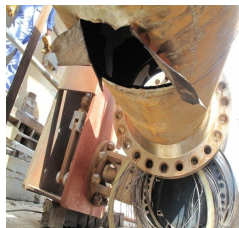
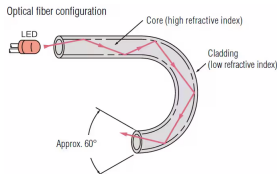
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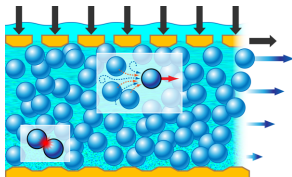
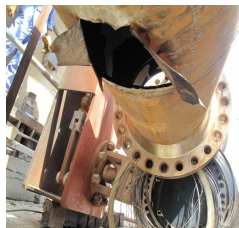
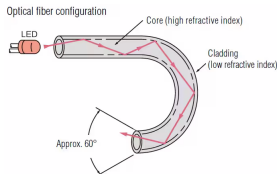
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What kind of mathematical model? Piecewise smooth? Infinite derivatives in infinitesimal intervals? Differential equations or not? Calculus of variations?

- L. Hörmander: *“In differential calculus one encounters immediately the unpleasant fact that not every function is differentiable. The purpose of distribution theory is to remedy this flaw; indeed, the space of distributions is essentially the smallest extension of the space of continuous functions where differentiability is always well defined”*
- V.I. Arnol'd: *“Nowadays, when teaching analysis, it is not very popular to talk about infinitesimal quantities. Consequently, present-day students are not fully in command of this language. Nevertheless, it is still necessary to have command of it”*

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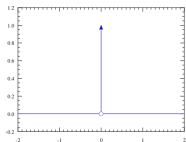
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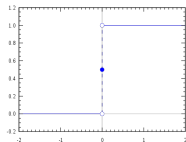
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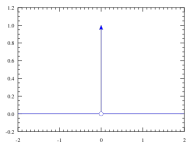
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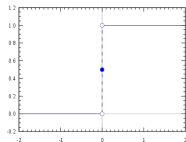
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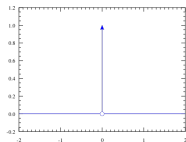
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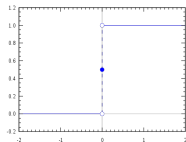
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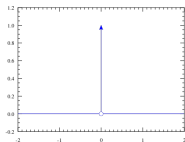
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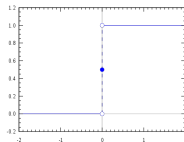
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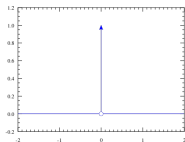
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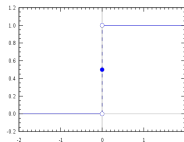
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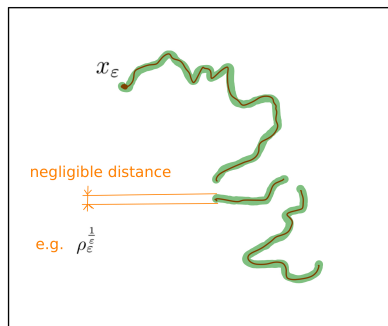
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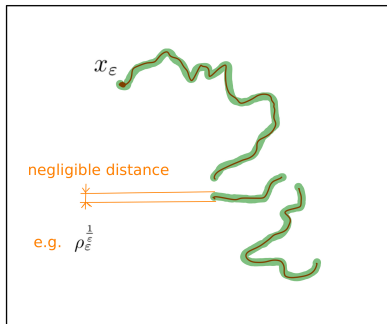
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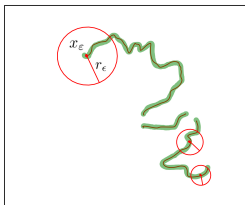
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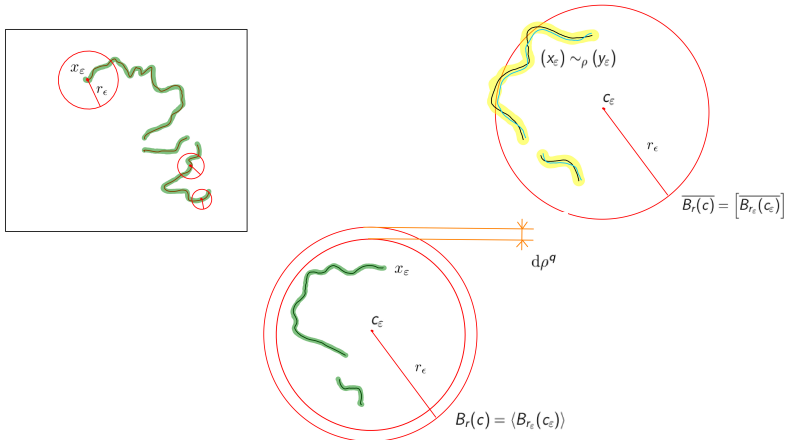
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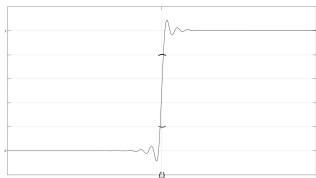
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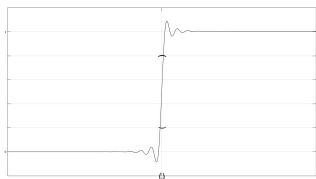
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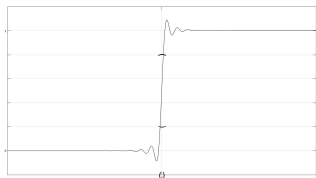


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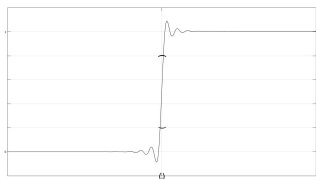


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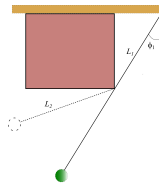
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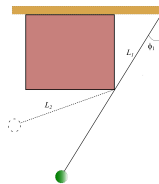
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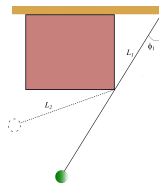
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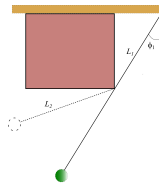


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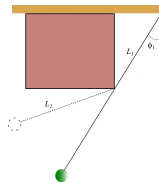
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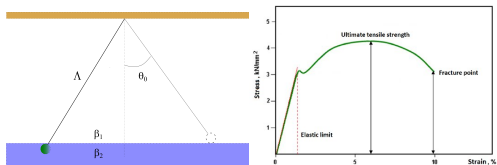


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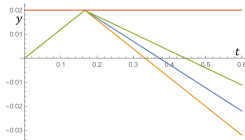
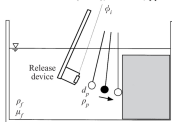
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Finally, we say that $(f_j)_{j \in J}$ **satisfies the DCC on the cover** $(U_j)_{j \in J}$ if it satisfies the DCC on each functionally compact set contained in X

Theorem

Let $X \subseteq {}^p\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}^n$ be a set that admits a functionally compact exhaustion, $Y \subseteq {}^p\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}^d$ and $f \in \mathbf{Set}(X, Y)$. Let $X \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in J} U_j$, where for all $j \in J$ we have $f_j := f|_{U_j \cap X} \in {}^p\mathcal{GC}^\infty(U_j \cap X, Y)$ and U_j is a strongly internal set. Assume that $(f_j)_{j \in J}$ satisfies the dynamic compatibility condition on the cover $(U_j)_{j \in J}$. Then $f \in {}^p\mathcal{GC}^\infty(X, Y)$.

- The DCC implies the classical one
- The DCC is a necessary condition if we assume that the sections $(f_j)_{j \in J}$ glue together into a GSF
- Is this sheaf property based on the DCC a particular case of the general abstract notion of sheaf?

The category ${}^{\rho}\mathcal{G}l^{\infty}$ of glueable families 1/2

Definition

${}^{\rho}\mathcal{G}l^{\infty}$ is the category of *glueable families*, whose objects are non empty families $(U_j)_{j \in J} \in {}^{\rho}\mathcal{G}l^{\infty}$ of strongly internal sets in some space ${}^{\rho}\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}^u$:

$$J \neq \emptyset, \exists u \in \mathbb{N} \forall j \in J : {}^{\rho}\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}^u \supseteq U_j \in {}^{\rho}\mathcal{SGC}^{\infty}$$

We say that $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathcal{Y}$ in ${}^{\rho}\mathcal{G}l^{\infty}$ if $\mathcal{X} = (U_j)_{j \in J}$, $\mathcal{Y} = (V_h)_{h \in H} \in {}^{\rho}\mathcal{G}l^{\infty}$ and $\varphi = ((f_j)_{j \in J}, \alpha)$, where:

- 1 The map $\alpha \in \mathbf{Set}(J, H)$ is called a *reparametrization*
- 2 The family of GSF $f_j \in {}^{\rho}\mathcal{SGC}^{\infty}(U_j, V_{\alpha(j)})$, $j \in J$, satisfies the DCC on $U := \bigcup_{j \in J} U_j$
- 3 $U = \bigcup_{j \in J} U_j$ admits a functionally compact exhaustion

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Composition and identities in ${}^{\rho}\mathcal{G}l^{\infty}$ are defined as follows: Let

$\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{\psi} \mathcal{Z}$ in ${}^{\rho}\mathcal{G}l^{\infty}$, and set $\mathcal{X} = (U_j)_{j \in J}$, $\mathcal{Y} = (V_h)_{h \in H}$, $\mathcal{Z} = (W_l)_{l \in L}$, $\varphi = ((f_j)_{j \in J}, \alpha)$, $\psi = ((g_h)_{h \in H}, \beta)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} U_j &\xrightarrow{f_j} V_{\alpha(j)} \xrightarrow{g_{\alpha(j)}} W_{\beta(\alpha(j))} \quad \forall j \in J \\ J &\xrightarrow{\alpha} H \xrightarrow{\beta} L, \end{aligned}$$

and we hence set $\varphi \cdot \psi := ((f_j \cdot g_{\alpha(j)})_{j \in J}, \alpha \cdot \beta)$, $1_{\mathcal{X}} := ((1_{U_j})_{j \in J}, 1_J)$.

Lemma

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Coverage of glueable functions

We now introduce a coverage on the category ${}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty$ of glueable families:

Definition

Let $\mathcal{E} = (W_e)_{e \in E} \in {}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty$. Then we say that $\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$ if there exists a non empty $J \in \mathbf{Set}$ such that:

- 1 $\gamma = (\gamma_j)_{j \in J}$ and $\gamma_j = ((i_h)_{h \in J}, \delta)$ for all $j \in J$
- 2 $J \xrightarrow{\delta} E$ is a surjective map
- 3 $i_j : D_j \hookrightarrow W_{\delta(j)}$ for all $j \in J$, where $(D_j)_{j \in J} \in {}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty$
- 4 $W_e = \bigcup \{D_j \mid \delta(j) = e, j \in J\}$ for all $e \in E$

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Γ is a coverage on ${}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty$ and $({}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty, \Gamma)$ is a concrete site

Definition

The category of sheaves ${}^p\mathbf{TGC}^\infty := \mathbf{Sh}({}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty, \Gamma)$ is called the *Grothendieck topos of generalized smooth functions*

The sheaf of glueable functions

The DCC is the key property to prove the following

Theorem

For each $\mathcal{Y} \in {}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty$, the functor ${}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty(-, \mathcal{Y})$ is a concrete sheaf on the concrete site $({}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty, \Gamma)$: ${}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty(-, \mathcal{Y}) \in {}^pTGC^\infty({}^p\mathcal{G}l^\infty, \Gamma)$.

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we submitted an interdisciplinary FWF project between the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, Shinshu University and the Faculty of Mathematics, University of Vienna, where we propose to develop several ideas linking mathematical analysis and algebraic topology.

The main idea is to make differential homotopy theory with continuous functions embedded as GSF or synthetic (non-smooth) differential geometry with GSF

Diffeological spaces and generalized maps

- A diffeological space is a concrete sheaf on the concrete (Souriau) site of smooth functions. **Generalized diffeological space** := a concrete sheaf on the concrete site $({}^\rho\mathcal{G}l^\infty, \Gamma)$
- Find a characterization of concrete sheaves over $({}^\rho\mathcal{G}l^\infty, \Gamma)$ with the main aim of arriving at conditions **as close as possible to the usual definition** of diffeological space, but using strongly internal sets, GSF and their sheaf property (with DCC)
- Understand generalized maps between generalized diffeological spaces
- Prove that diffeological spaces are included in the topos ${}^\rho\mathcal{TGC}^\infty$:
Since the Souriau site $\mathcal{S} \subseteq {}^\rho\mathcal{SGC}^\infty \subseteq {}^\rho\mathcal{TGC}^\infty$, prove that also **$\mathbf{Man} \subseteq \mathbf{Diff} \subseteq {}^\rho\mathcal{TGC}^\infty$**

Extending diffeological spaces with non-Archimedean points

- Exactly as ${}^{\rho}\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}$ is obtained extending \mathbb{R} by adding new non-Archimedean points, define an extension functor $X \in \mathbf{Diff} \mapsto \widetilde{X} \in {}^{\rho}\mathcal{TGC}^{\infty}$ and prove that \widetilde{X} is a generalized diffeological space
- Why extension is important: $\delta|_{\mathbb{R}} = 0$, $(\delta \circ \delta)|_{\mathbb{R}} = \delta(0)$, $H|_{\mathbb{R}}$ does not satisfy the intermediate value theorem...

Without considering non-Archimedean points we trivialize everything

- Ideas for extension functors:
 - $\widetilde{X} := \text{colim}_{U \in \mathcal{S}/X} \langle U \rangle$, where $\langle U \rangle \subseteq {}^{\rho}\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}^u$ is the strongly internal set generated by the open set $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^u$ and the colimit is taken in ${}^{\rho}\mathcal{TGC}^{\infty}$
 - By **observables**: We say that a net $(x_{\varepsilon}) \in X^I$ is moderate (resp. negligible) if for all $f \in \mathbf{Diff}(U, \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that $x_{\varepsilon} \in U \subseteq X$ for ε small, U open in the D-topology, we have $f \circ x$ is moderate (resp. negligible) in ${}^{\rho}\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}^d$

Preservation properties of these extension functors

- Study the **preservation properties** of the extension functor $X \in \mathbf{Diff} \mapsto \widetilde{X} \in {}^\rho\mathbf{TGC}^\infty$:
 - counter-image and image: $(\widetilde{f})^{-1}(\widetilde{U}) = \widetilde{f^{-1}(U)}$ and $(\widetilde{f})(\widetilde{U}) = \widetilde{f(U)}$ for $f \in \mathbf{Diff}$
 - intersections and unions: $\widetilde{U \cap V} = \widetilde{U} \cap \widetilde{V}$, $\widetilde{\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \widetilde{U}_i$
 - complements: $\widetilde{X \setminus U} = \widetilde{X} \setminus \widetilde{U}$ or $\text{int}(\widetilde{X \setminus U}) = \text{int}(\widetilde{X} \setminus \widetilde{U})$
 - subspaces, quotients and products
 - exponential objects
- Can we construct a **standard part functor** $(-)^{\circ} : {}^\rho\mathbf{TGC}^\infty \longrightarrow \mathbf{Diff}$ at least for suitable near-standard subspaces (see e.g. Wu “The Fermat functors”, TAC, 2016)?
Recall: $({}^\rho\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}^n)^{\bullet} = \{[x_\varepsilon] \in {}^\rho\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}^n \mid \exists \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} x_\varepsilon =: [x_\varepsilon]^{\circ} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ and not all generalized points have a standard part

Shimakawa homotopy theory with GSF

- 1 Can we realize **Shimakawa's program** of differential homotopy theory using GSF and ${}^{\rho}\mathcal{TGC}^{\infty}$?
- 2 Prove that there exists a GSF diffeomorphism between the n -cube $[0, 1]^n$, n -simplex Δ^n and n -ball B^n in ${}^{\rho}\tilde{\mathbb{R}}^n$
- 3 We already obtain a GSF diffeomorphism $P : \overline{B_1(0)} \xrightarrow{\sim} [0, 1]^2$ between the closed ball $\overline{B_1(0)} \subseteq {}^{\rho}\tilde{\mathbb{R}}^2$ and the 2-cube defined by $[0, 1] = \{x \in {}^{\rho}\tilde{\mathbb{R}} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$; moreover,
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- 4 Generalize homotopy theory of diffeological spaces using GSF

Synthetic Differential Geometry

- **Synthetic Differential Geometry** (SDG) uses a non-Archimedean language of *nilpotent infinitesimals* ($h \neq 0$ but $h^n = 0$) to formalize the coordinate-free notions of differential geometry as originally developed by S. Lie, E. Cartan, H.G. Grassmann
- See Kock 1981 (2nd ed. 2006), Lavendhomme 1996, Moerdijk-Reyes 1990 (need topos model in **intuitionistic** logic), but also Giordano, Wu papers about “Fermat reals” in **classical** logic
- In SDG, one can **synthetically** consider tangent vectors and tangent modules, vector fields, existence and uniqueness of infinitesimal integral curves of a given vector field, Lie brackets, differential forms and their properties, infinitesimal Stokes theorem, de Rham currents, connections, parallel transport, curvature, etc. in smooth $M \in \mathbf{Man}$ but also in spaces of smooth mappings $\mathbf{Man}(N, M)$

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Thank you for your attention!

