



Special and General Relativity

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duality in a basis of $T_x M$ and a basis of $T_x^* M$ usually defined using δ^μ_ν

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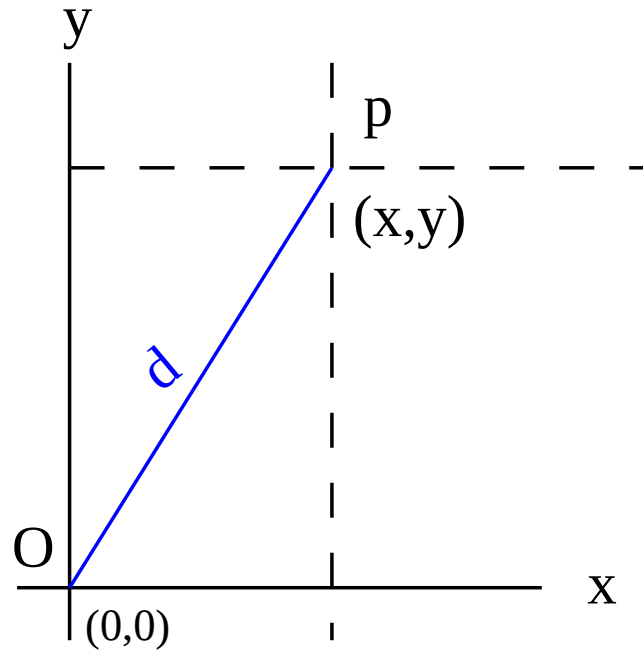
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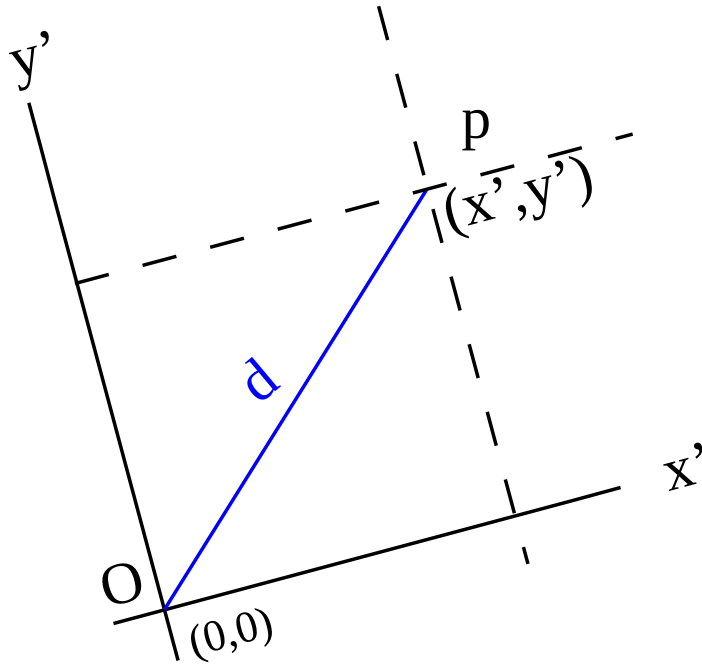
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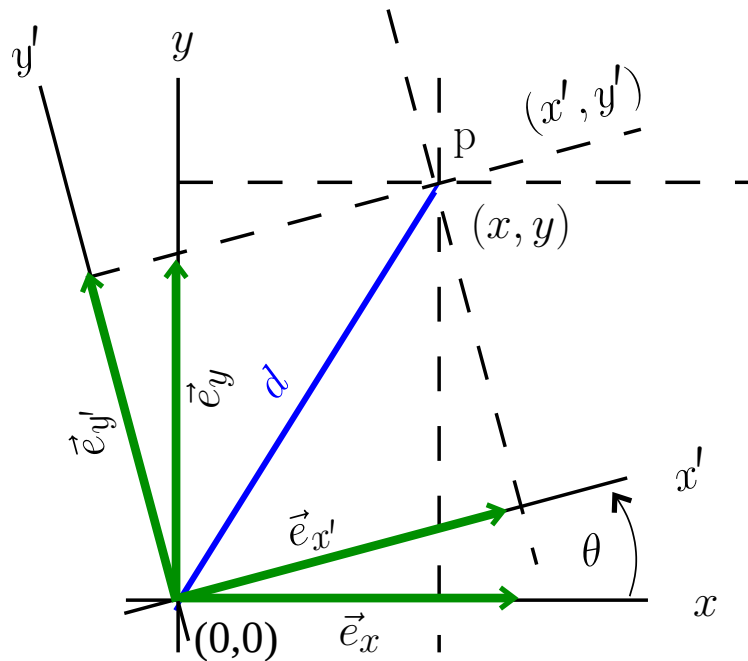
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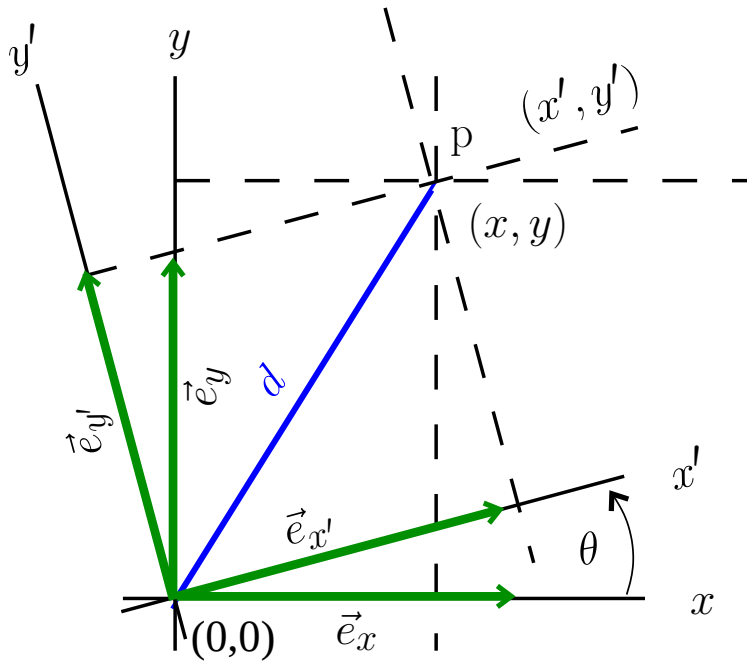
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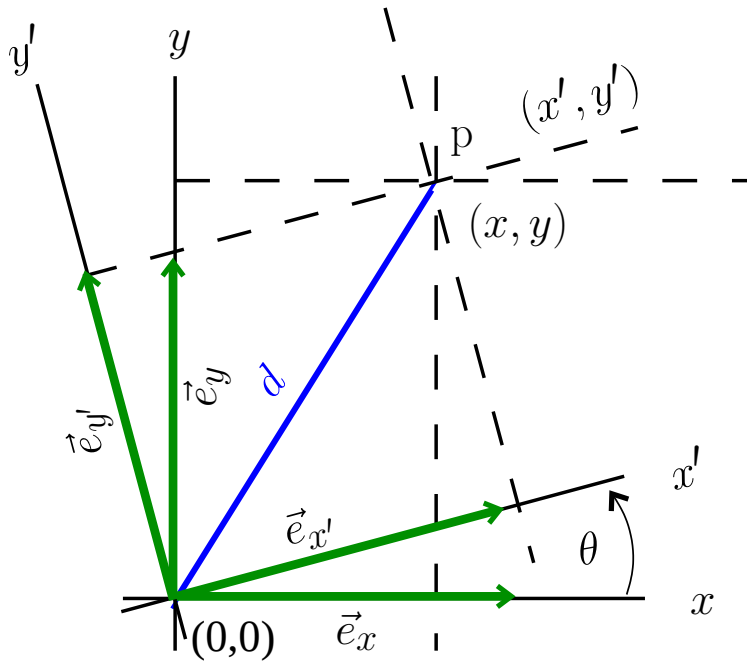
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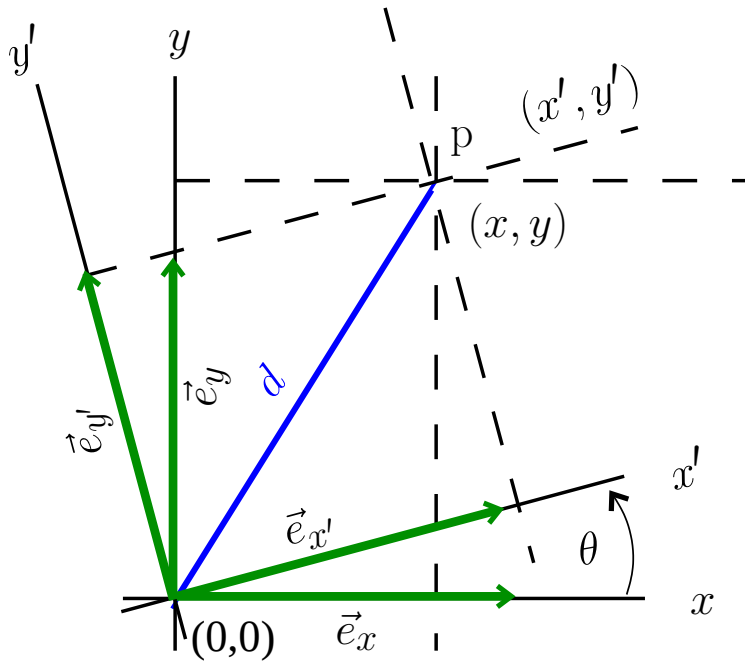
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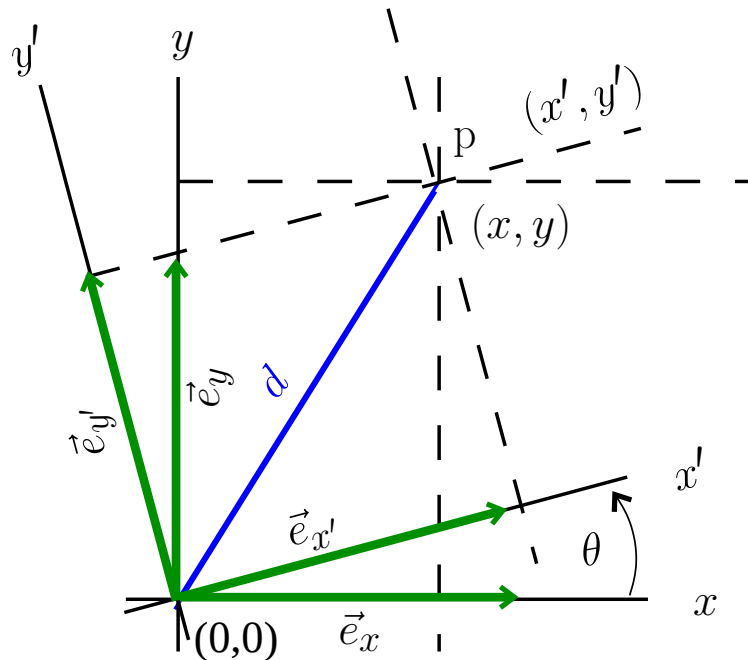


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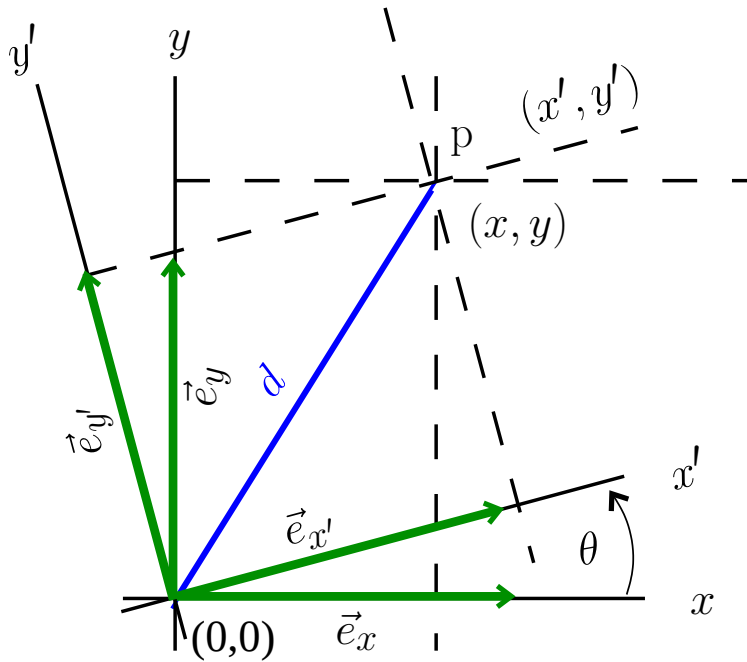
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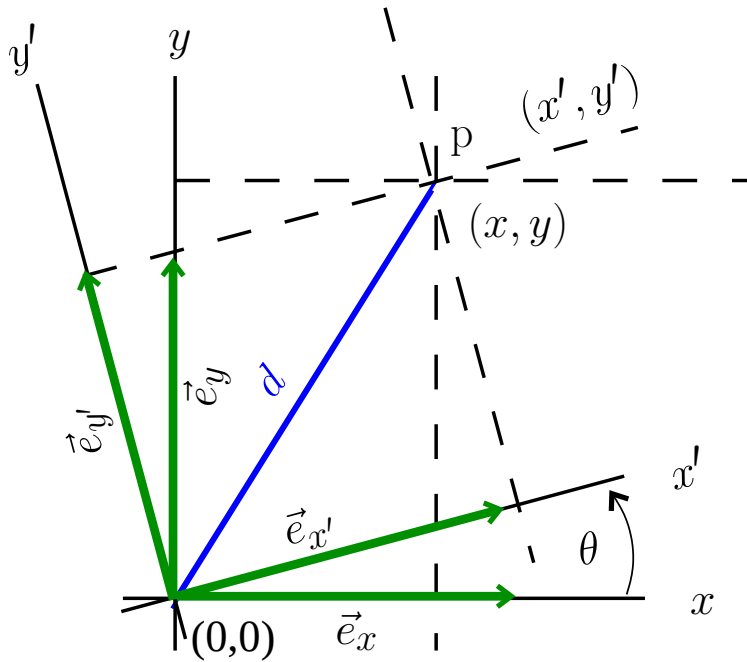


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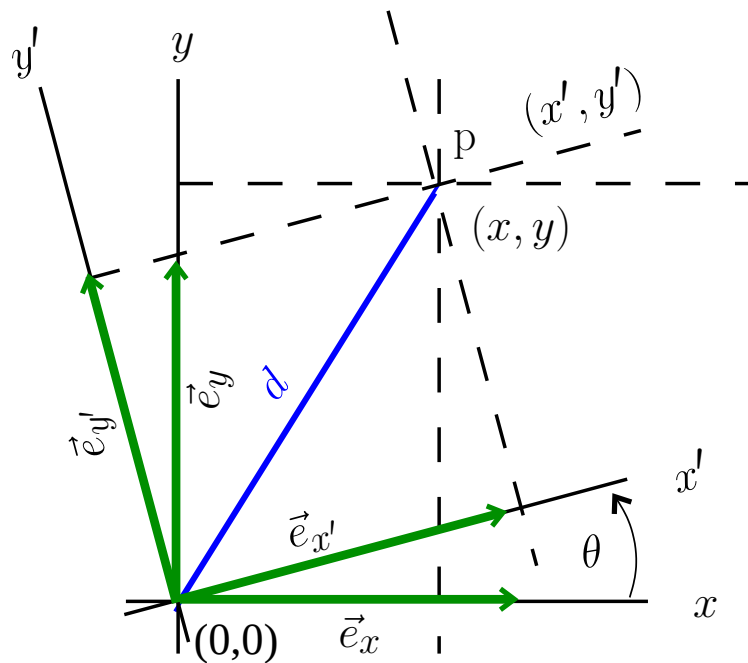


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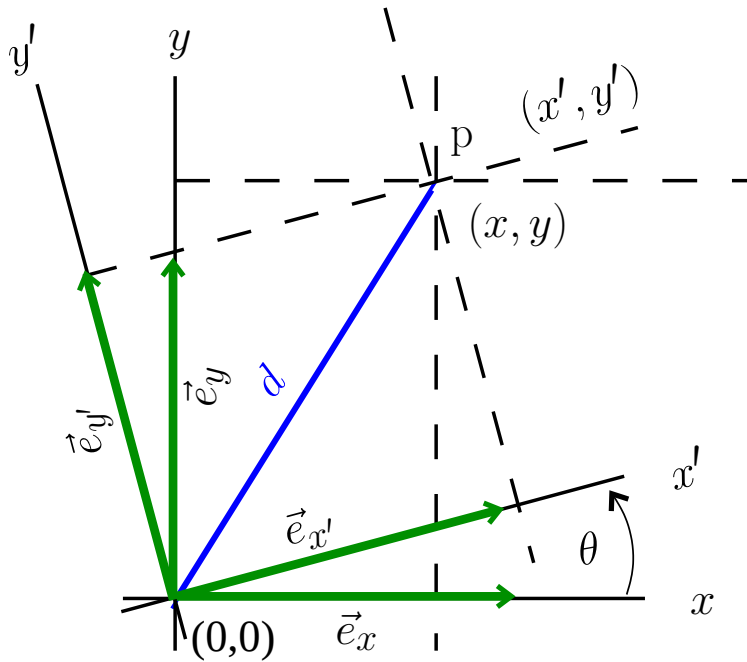


also:

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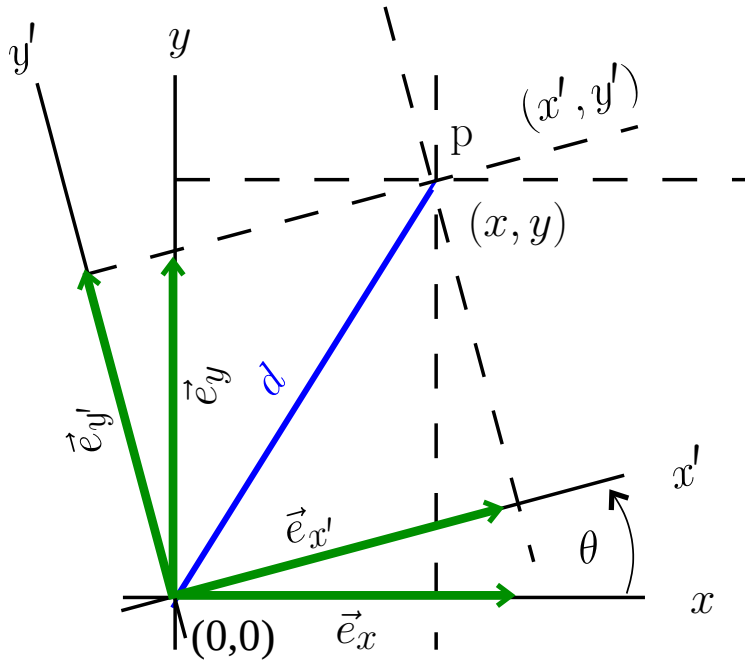
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summary:

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where $\Lambda_{\beta'}^\alpha :=$ element

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new coords of vector $\vec{p} = \Lambda \times$ old coords of **same** vector $\vec{p}$

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w:Covariance and contravariance of vectors



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ordinary linear algebra: column vectors, row vectors,
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loosely speaking, the second $\otimes$ means “function of two vectors” (or 1-forms, or a vector and a 1-form) in *that particular left-to-right order*

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warning: the "rank" of tensors has two different meanings: w:Tensor_(intrinsic_definition)#Tensor_rank

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also written: $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ “dot product”

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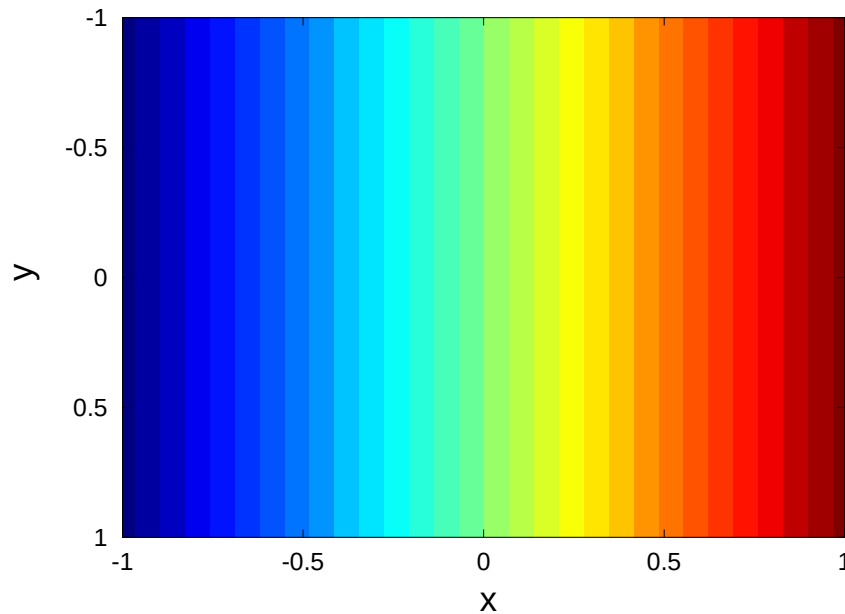
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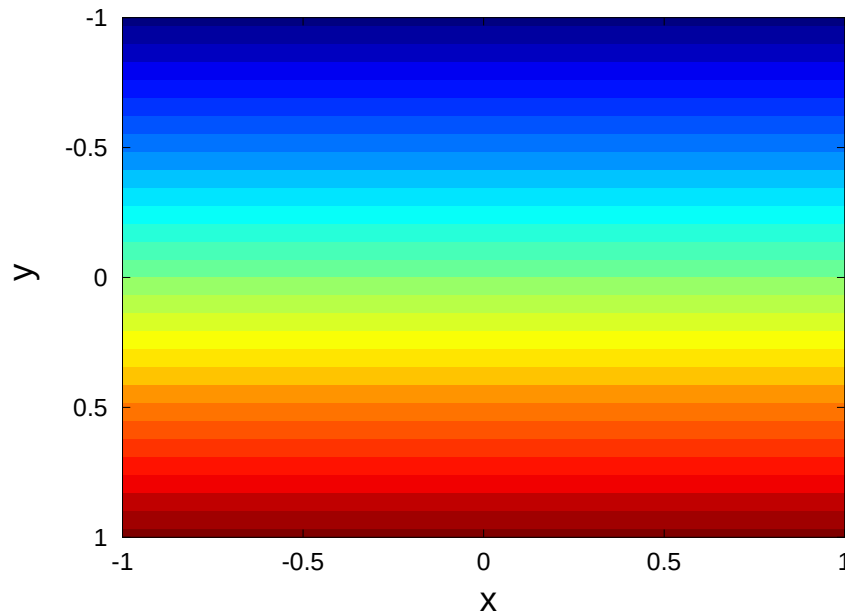


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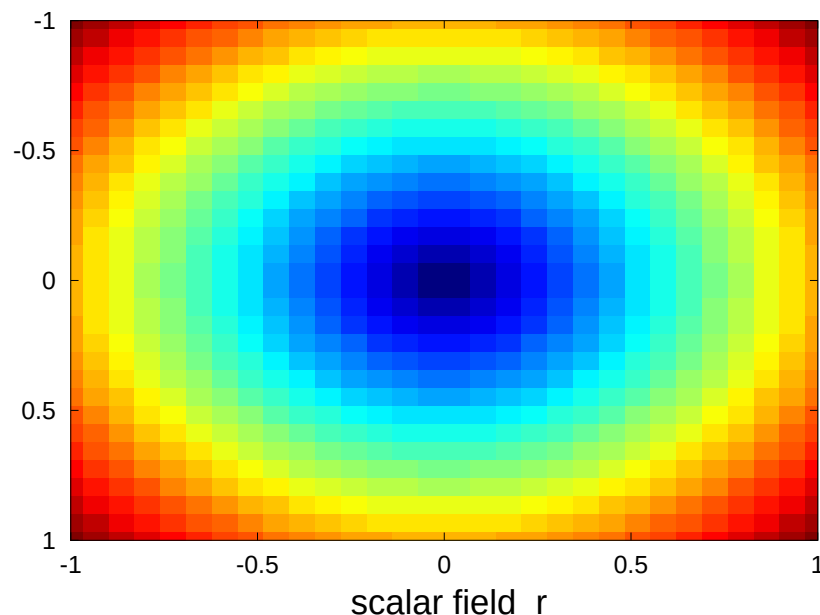


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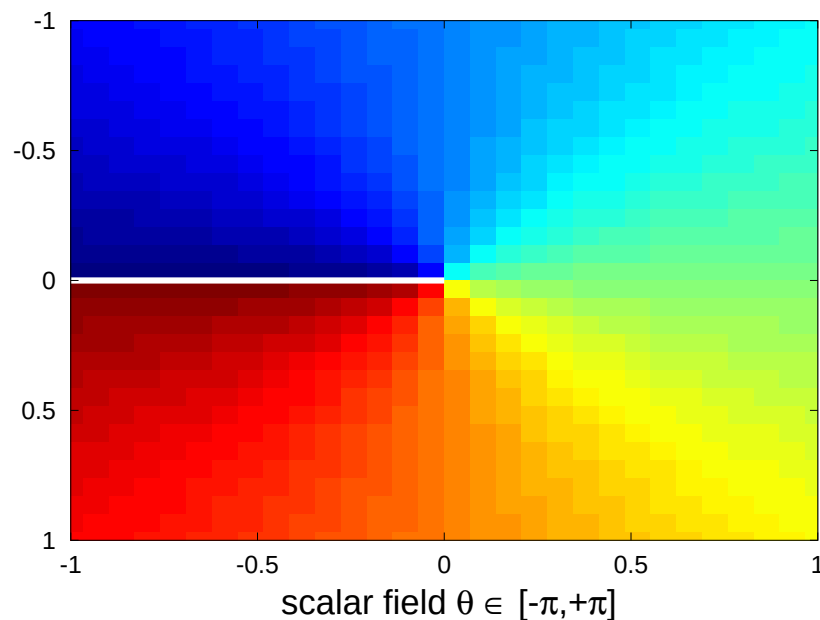


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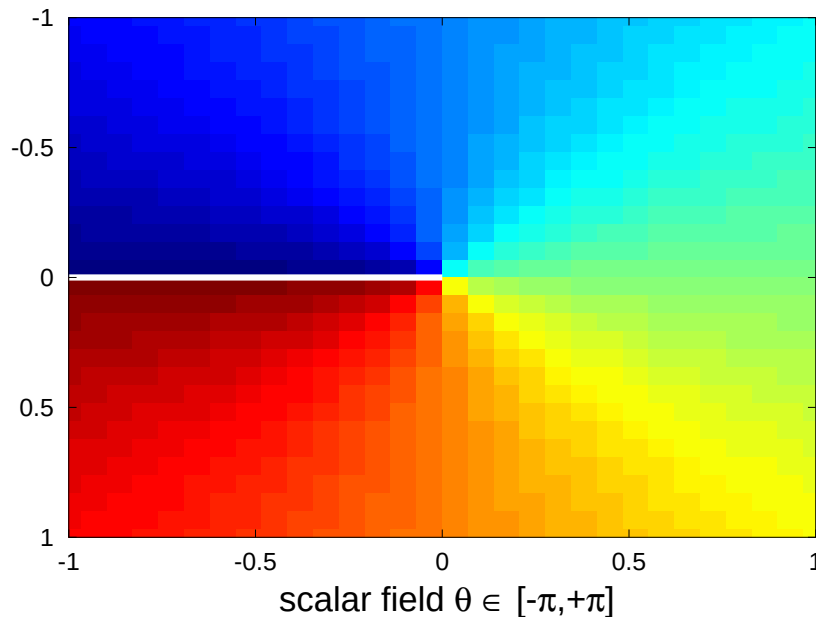


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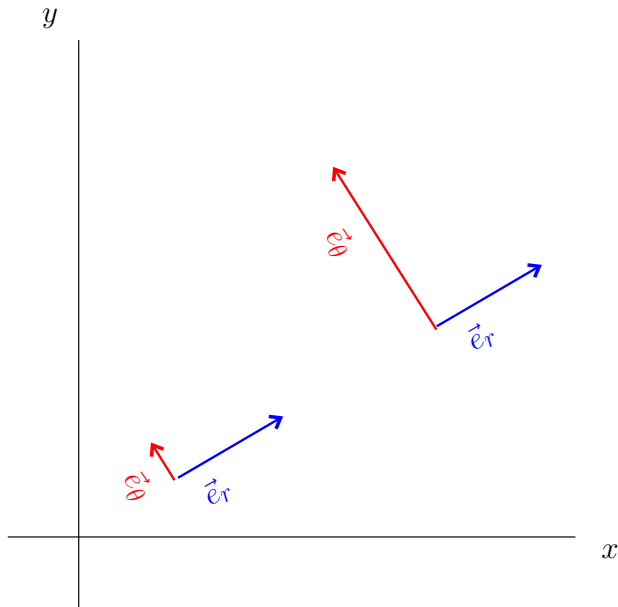
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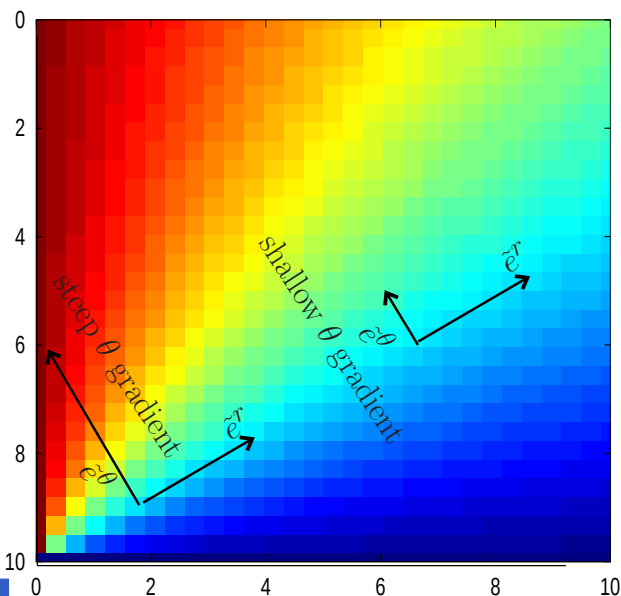
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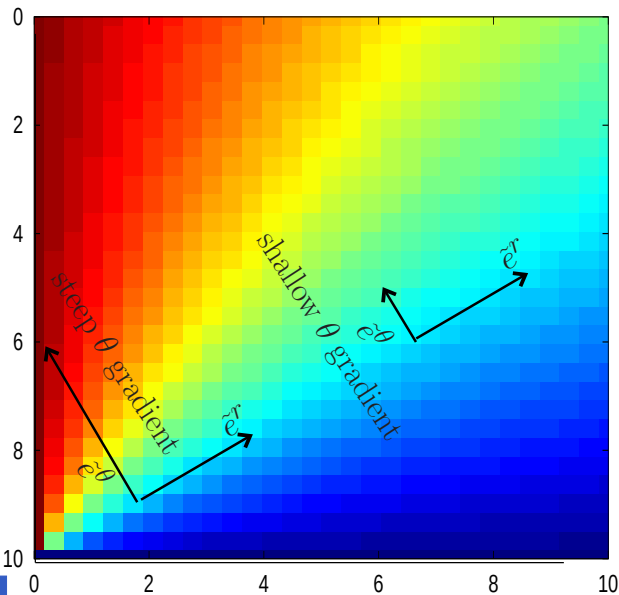
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GR: gradient of one-form $\tilde{\nabla} \tilde{A}$

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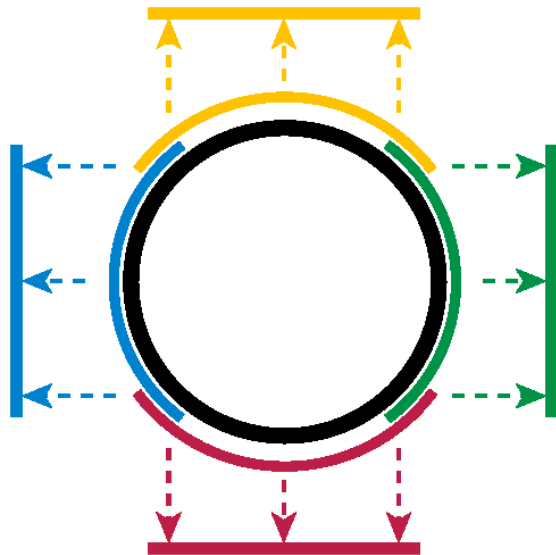
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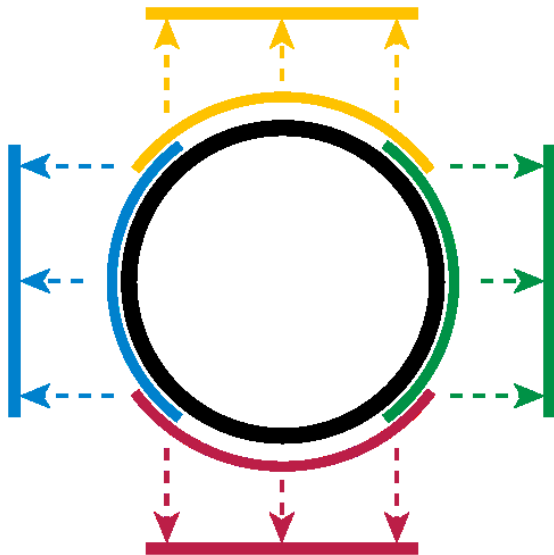
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w:Manifold

- chart := function ϕ_α from part of pseudo-4-manifold M to part of M^4 (Minkowski)
- atlas := set of overlapping charts that cover M

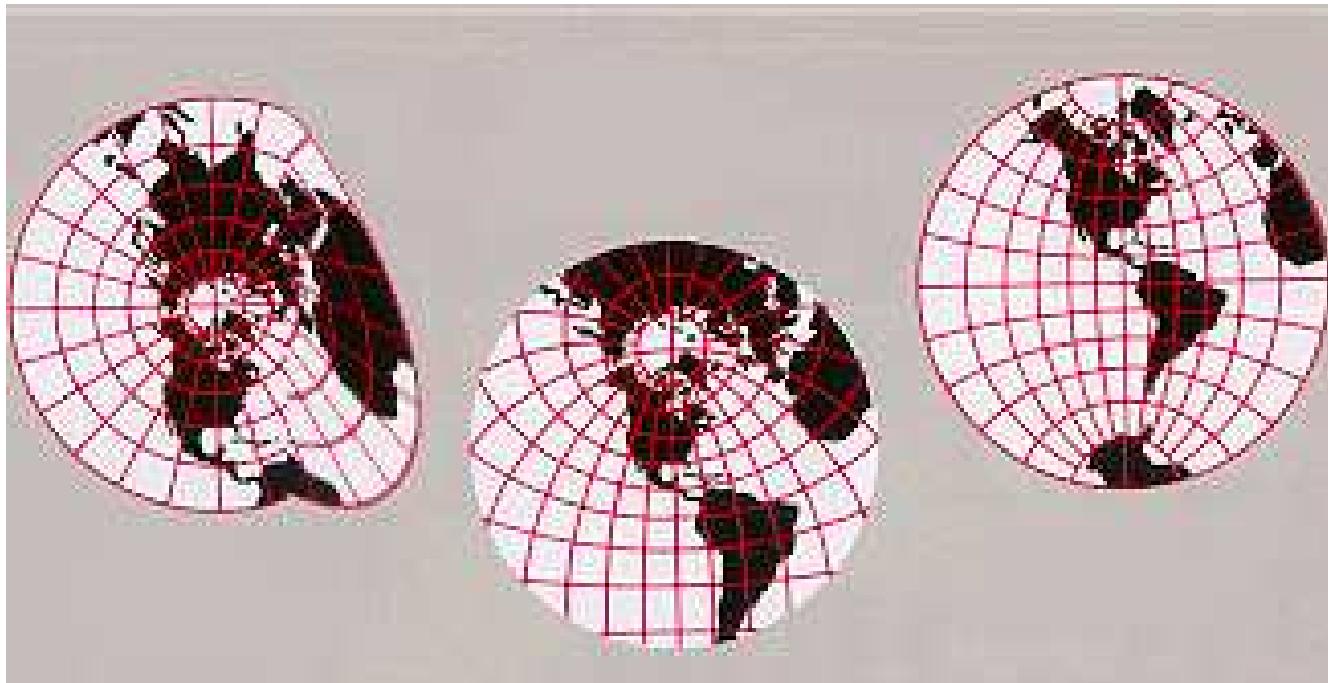


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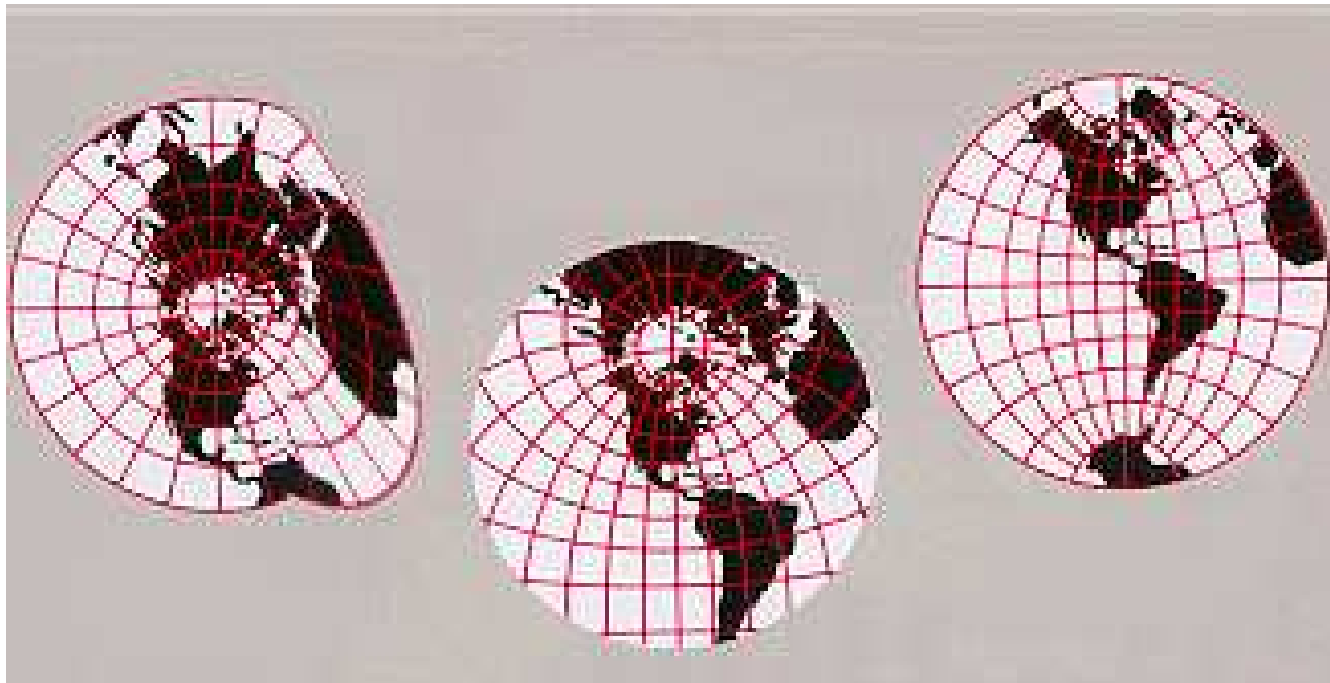
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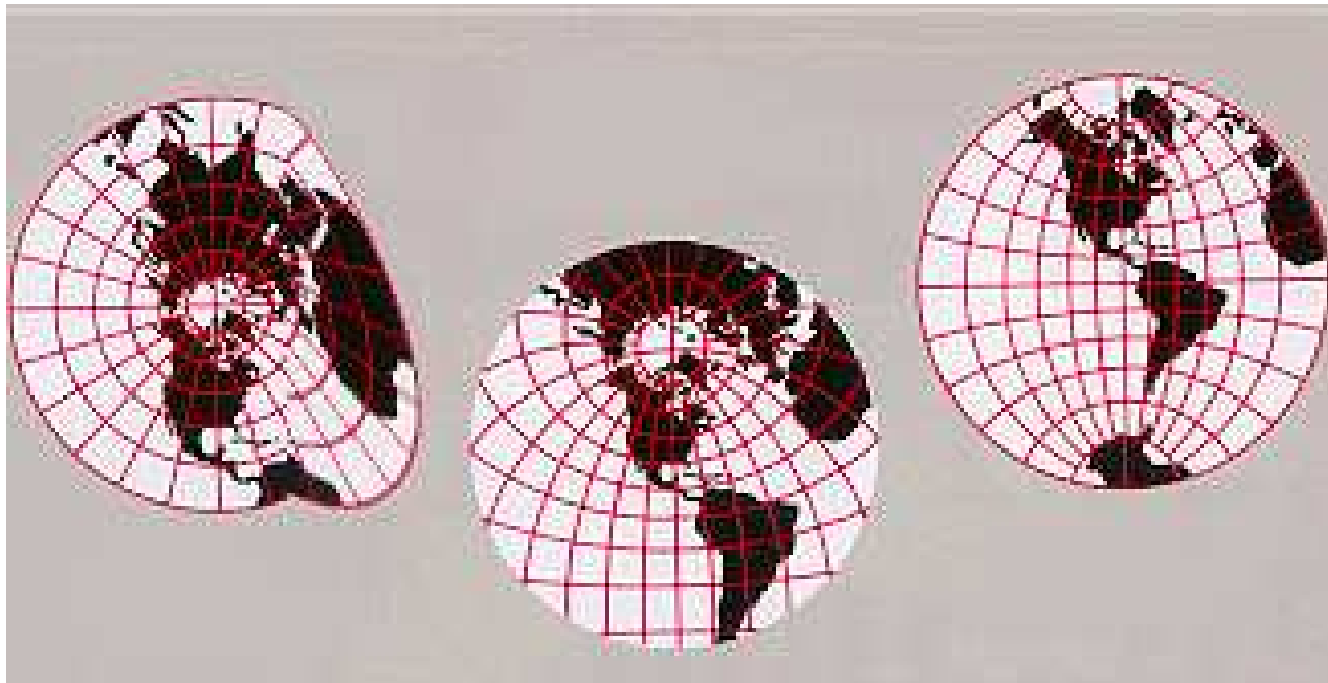


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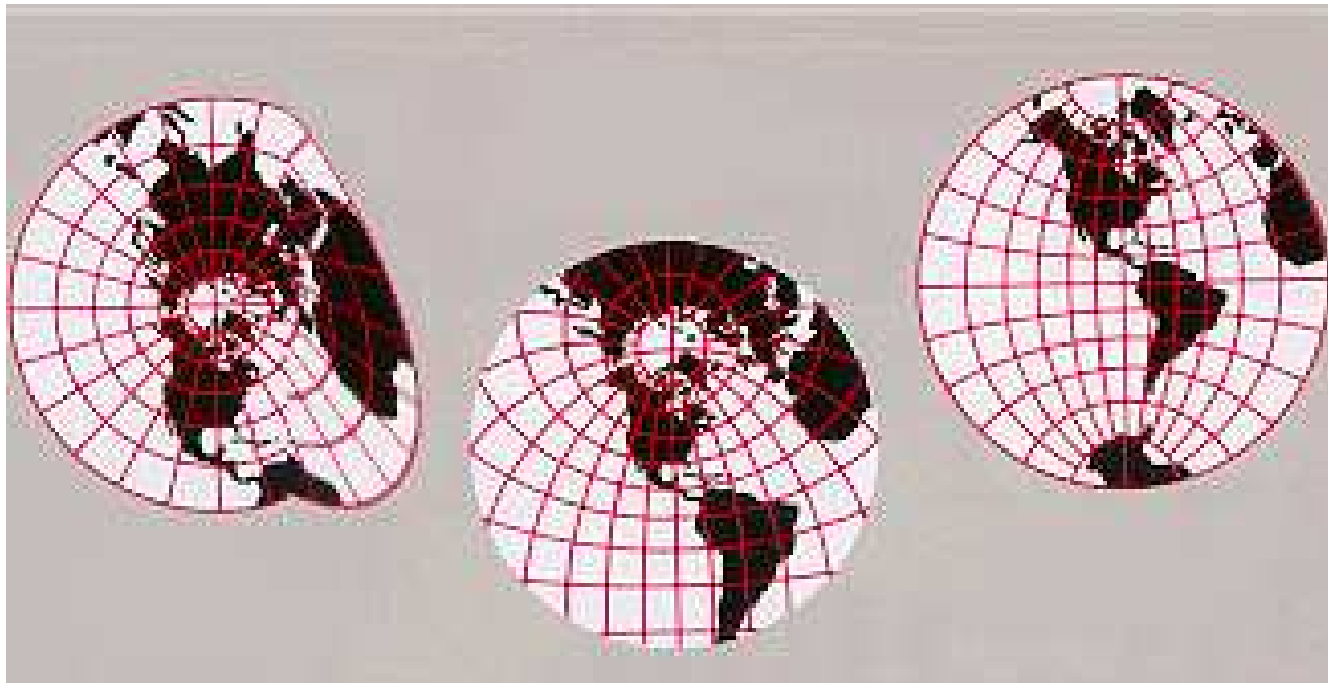


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