Special and General Relativity

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duality in a basis of $T_{\mathbf{x}}M$ and a basis of $T^*_{\mathbf{x}}M$ usually defined using δ^μ_ν

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5. metric $\Leftarrow$ Einstein field equations

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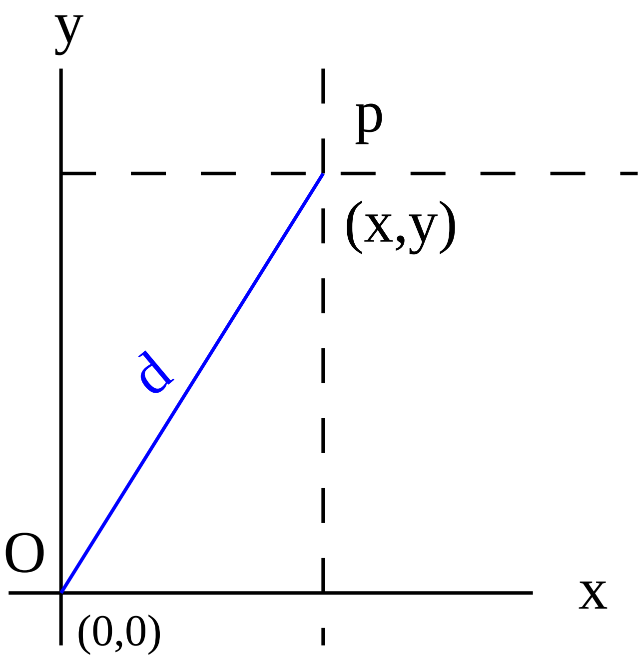

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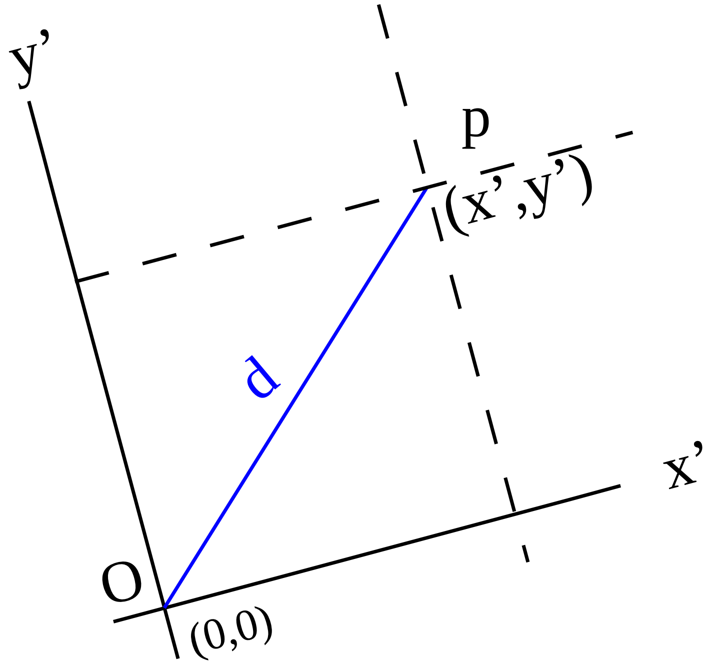

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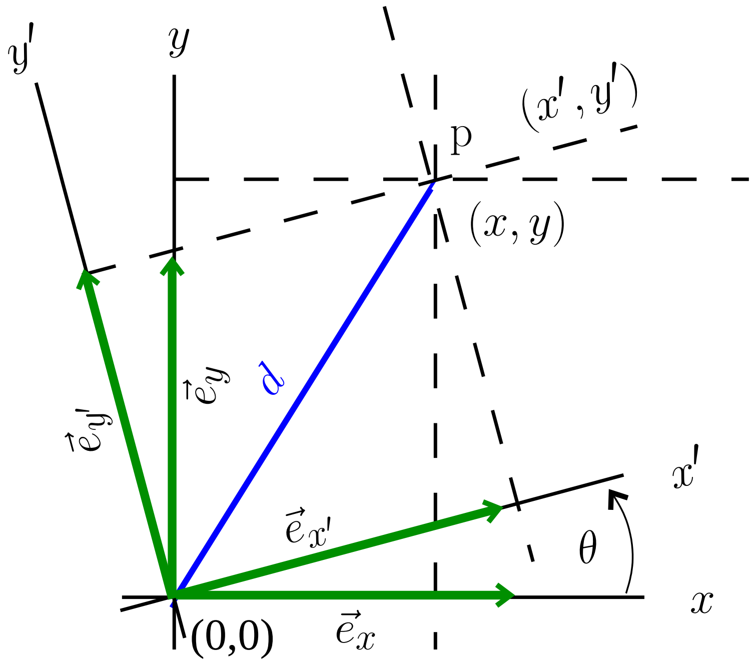

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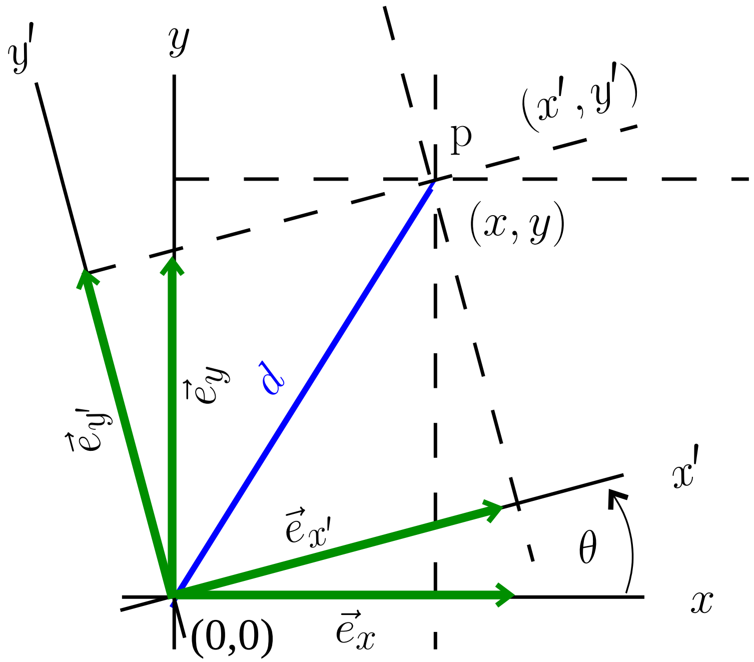

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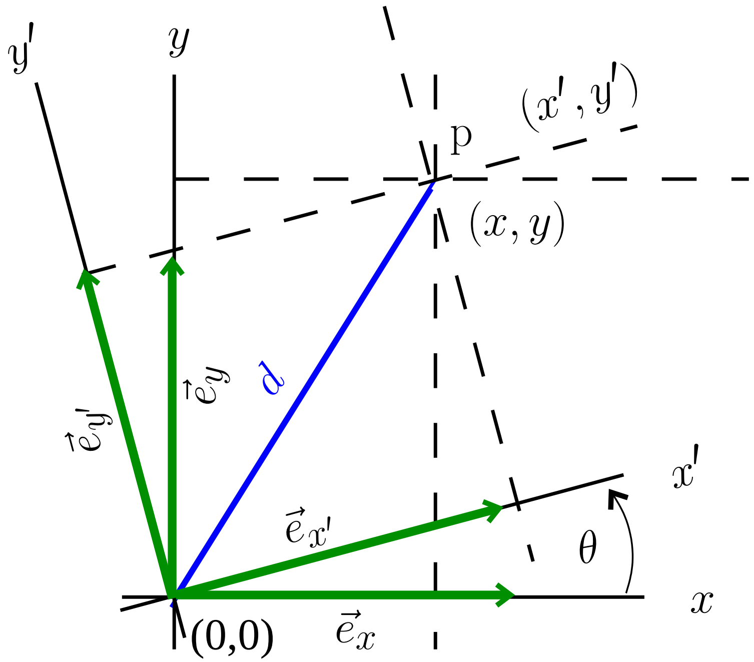

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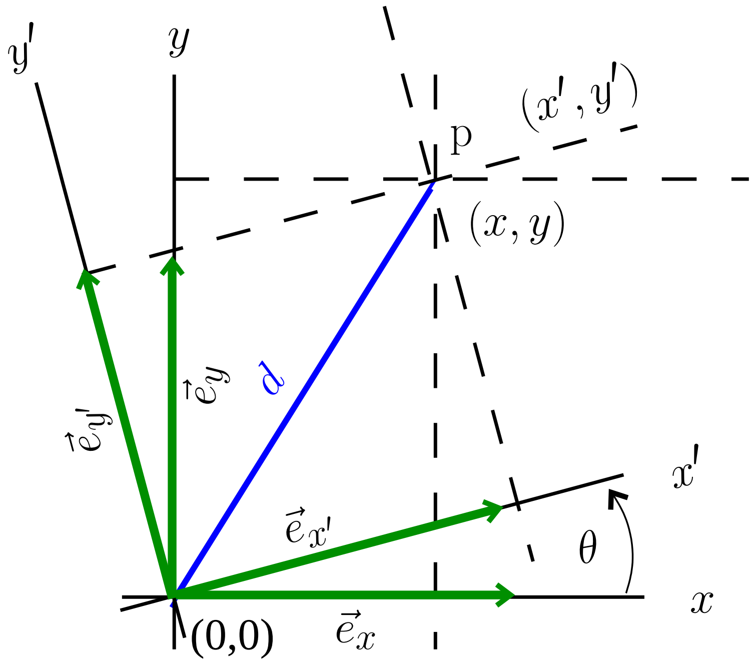

but $\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \end{pmatrix} =$

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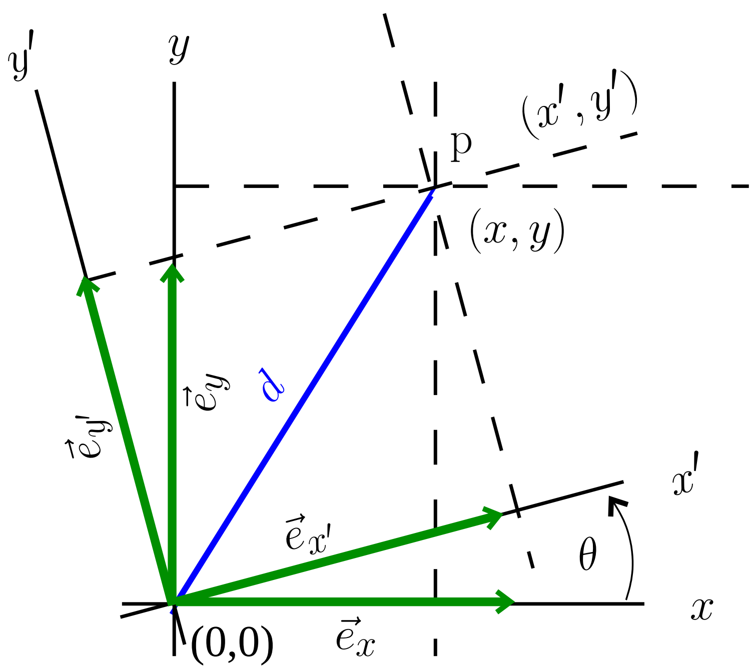

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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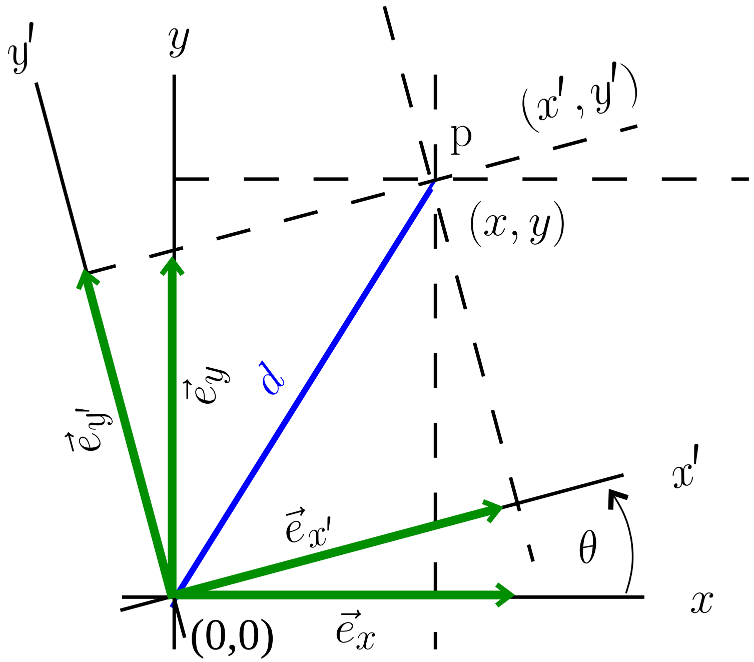

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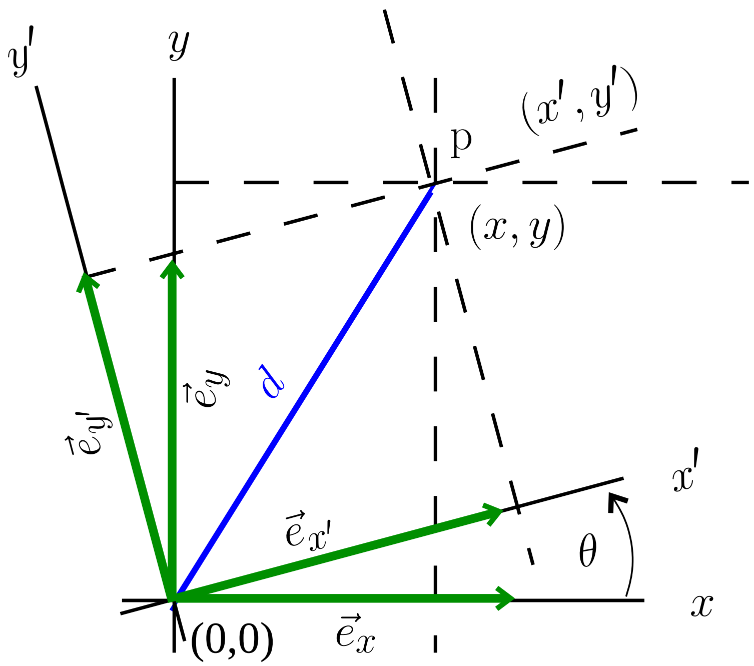

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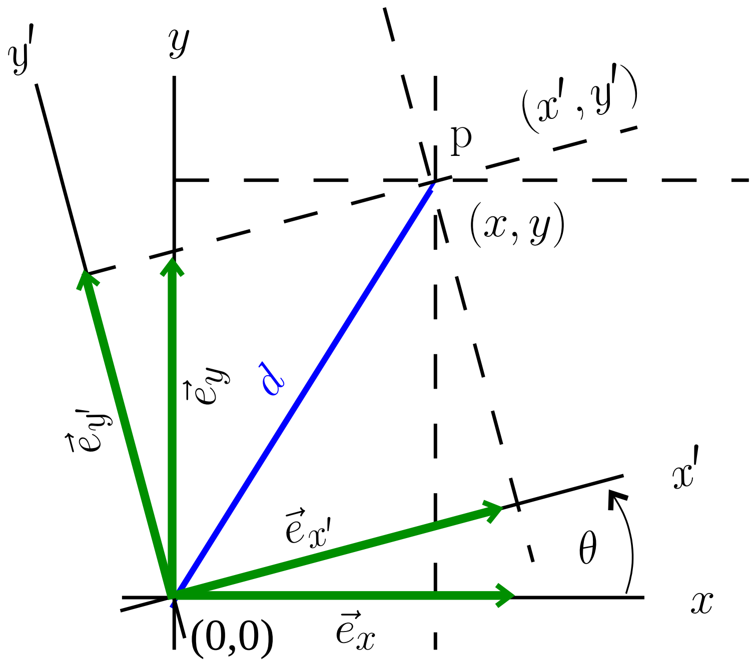

also:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\sin\theta \\ \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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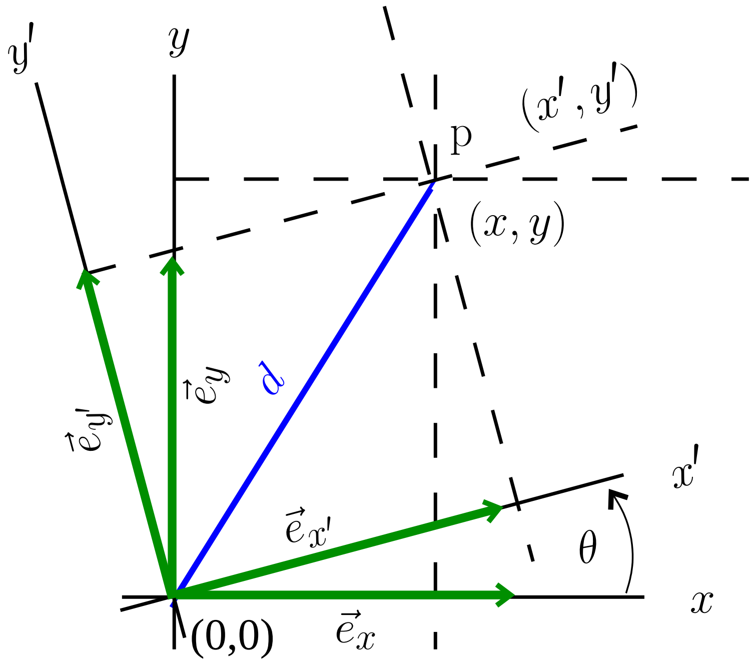

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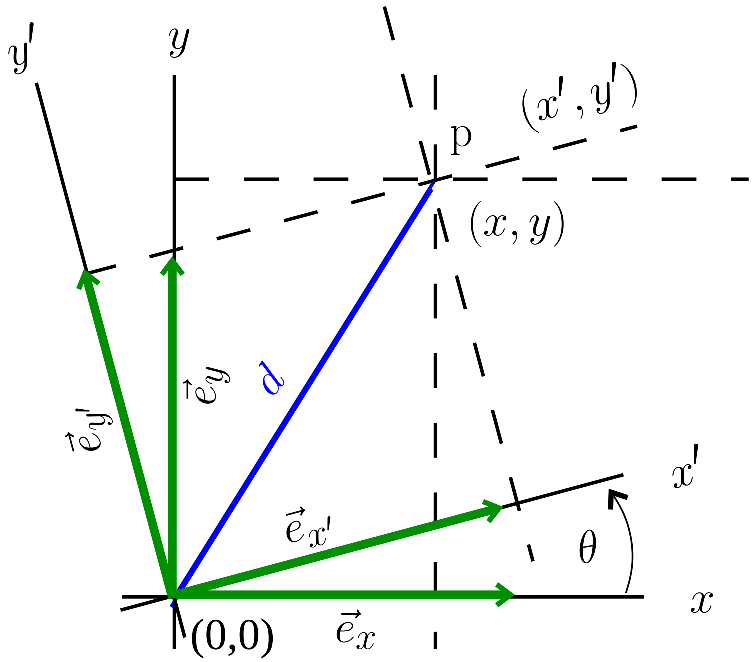

summary:

$\vec{e}_{x'} = \Lambda^{x}_{x'}\,\vec{e}_x + \Lambda^{y}_{x'}\,\vec{e}_y,$

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

of inverse of $\Lambda^{\alpha'}_{\beta}$,

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Einstein summation:

coordinates like r, θ, x, y:

not a sum: $\Lambda^x_{y'}\,\vec{e}_x$

repeated up-down coordinate indices like $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ or $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \nu \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$:

sum: $\Lambda^i_{j'}\,\vec{e}_i := \Lambda^x_{y'}\,\vec{e}_x + \Lambda^y_{y'}\,\vec{e}_y$ for a 2D manifold, coords x, y

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- $\vec{p}$ is invariant: no dependence on coords
- $\vec{p}$ is contravariant: p^i change inversely to $\vec{e}_i$

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$$x_{,y'} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial y'} = -\sin\theta \ldots$$

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$$(\tilde{\mathrm{d}}\phi)_{\mu'} = (\tilde{\mathrm{d}}\phi)_\nu \Lambda^\nu{}_{\mu'}$$

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basis vectors of different bases: $\vec{e}_{\mu'} = \Lambda^{\nu}{}_{\mu'} \vec{e}_{\nu}$

same vector: $(\vec{p})^{\mu'} = \Lambda^{\mu'}_{\nu} (\vec{p})^{\nu}$

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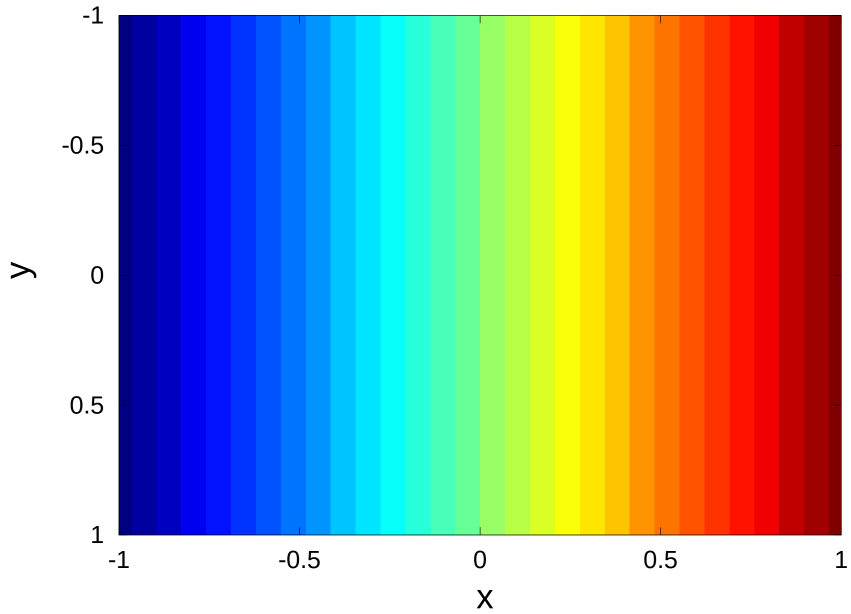

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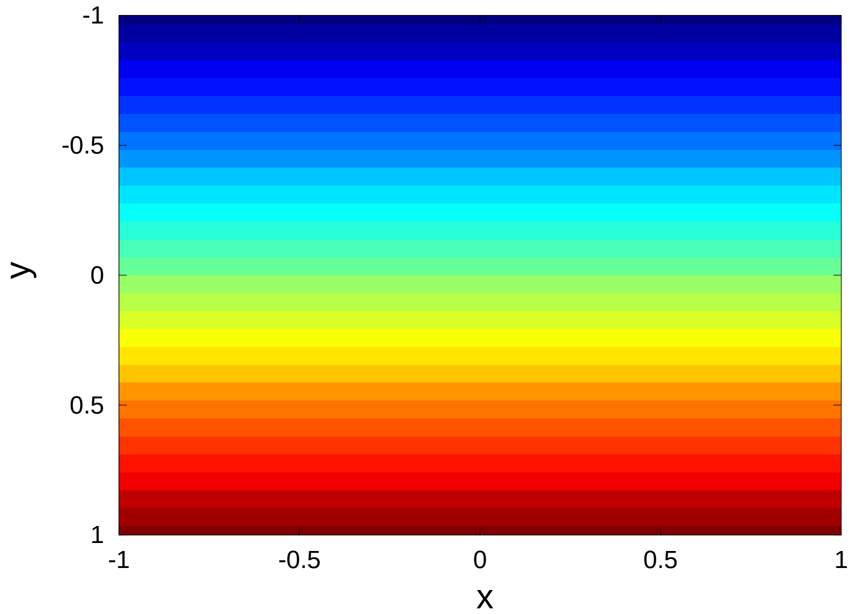

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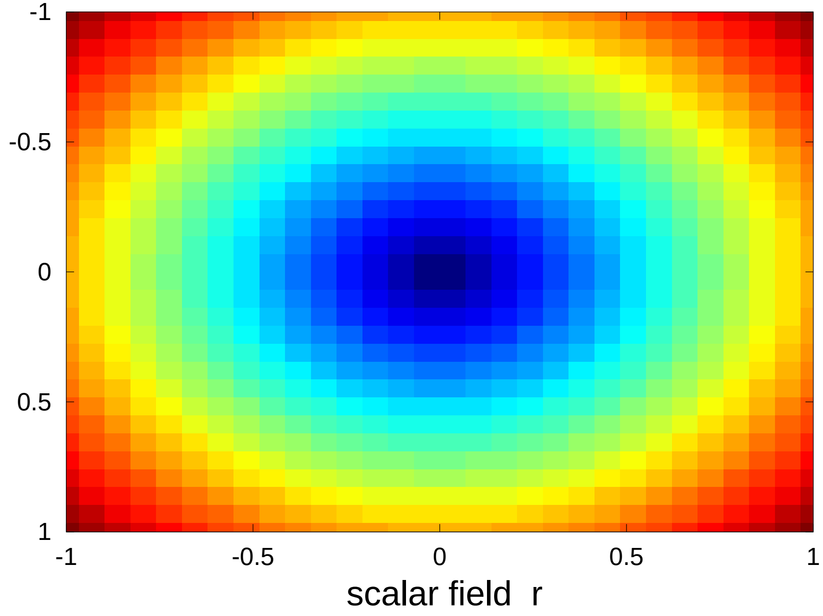

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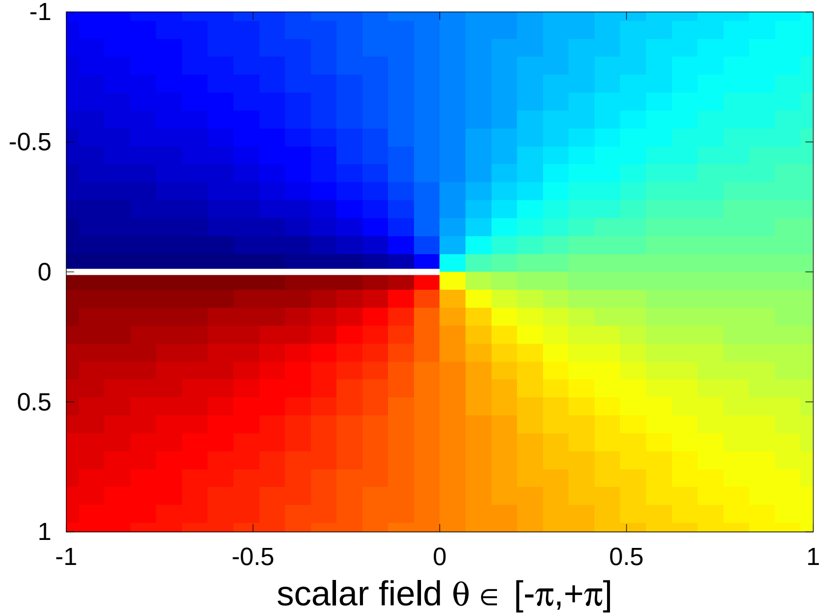

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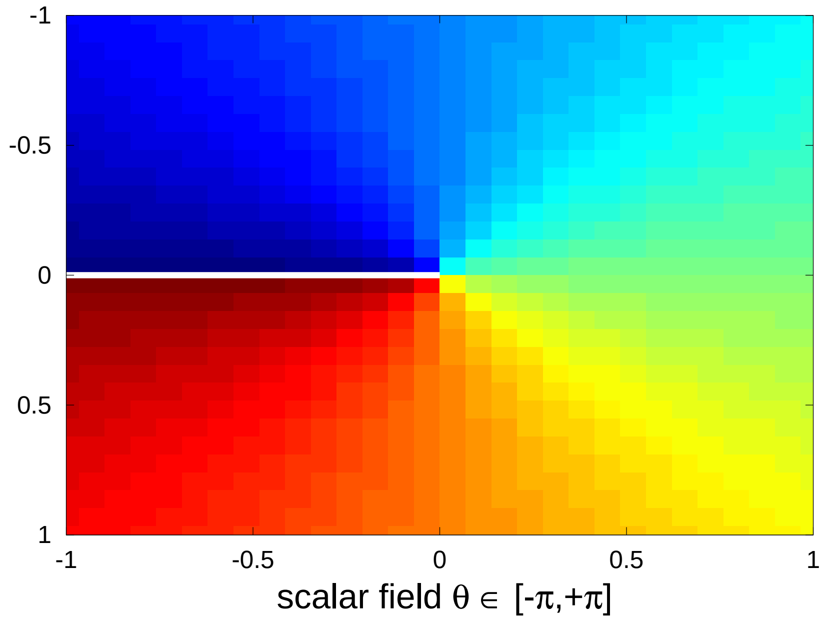

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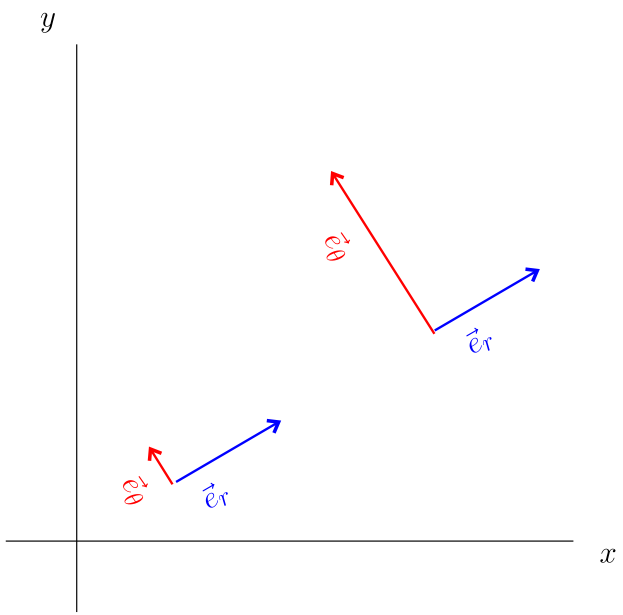

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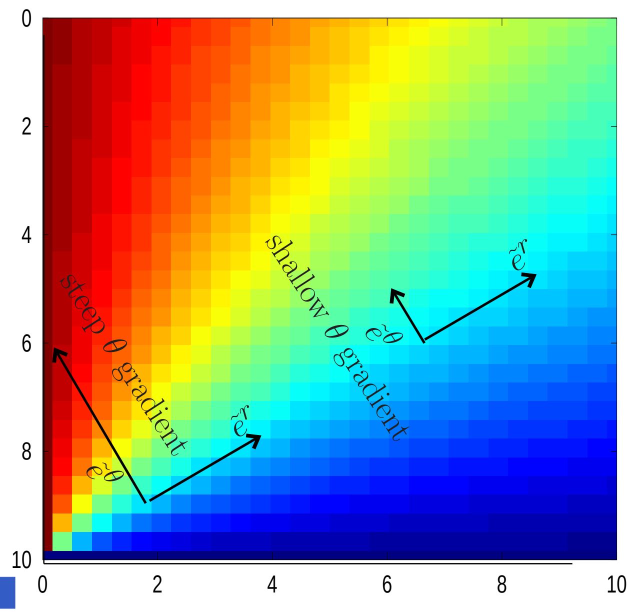

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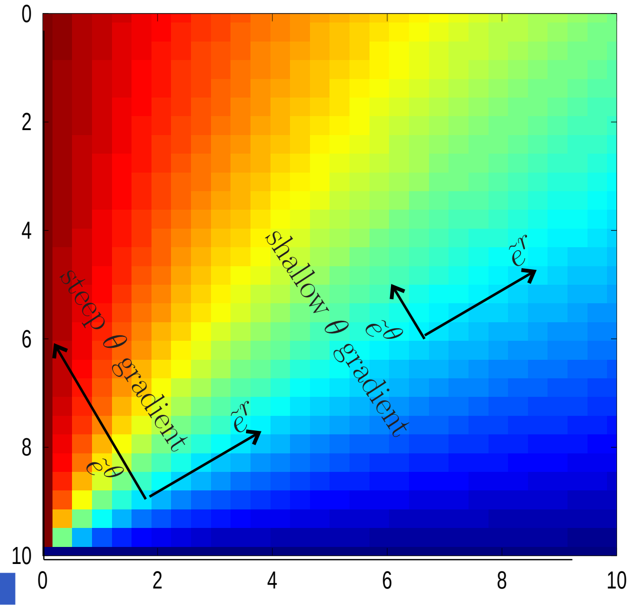

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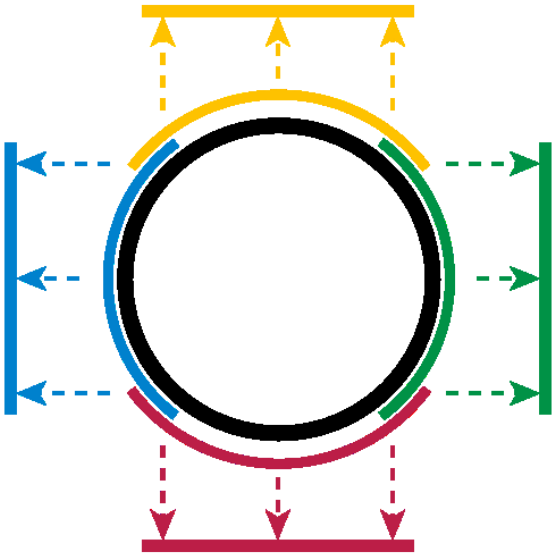

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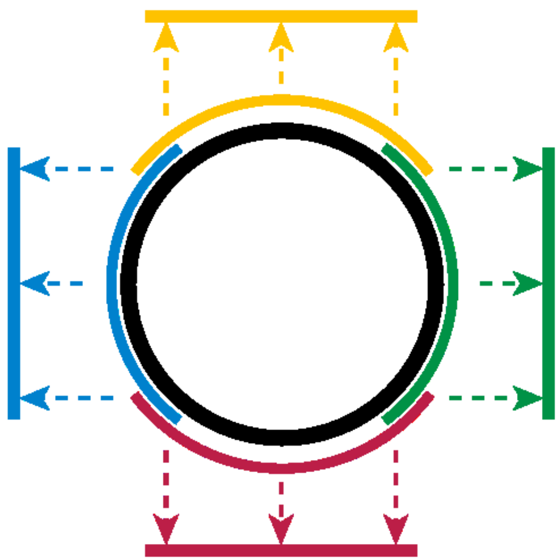

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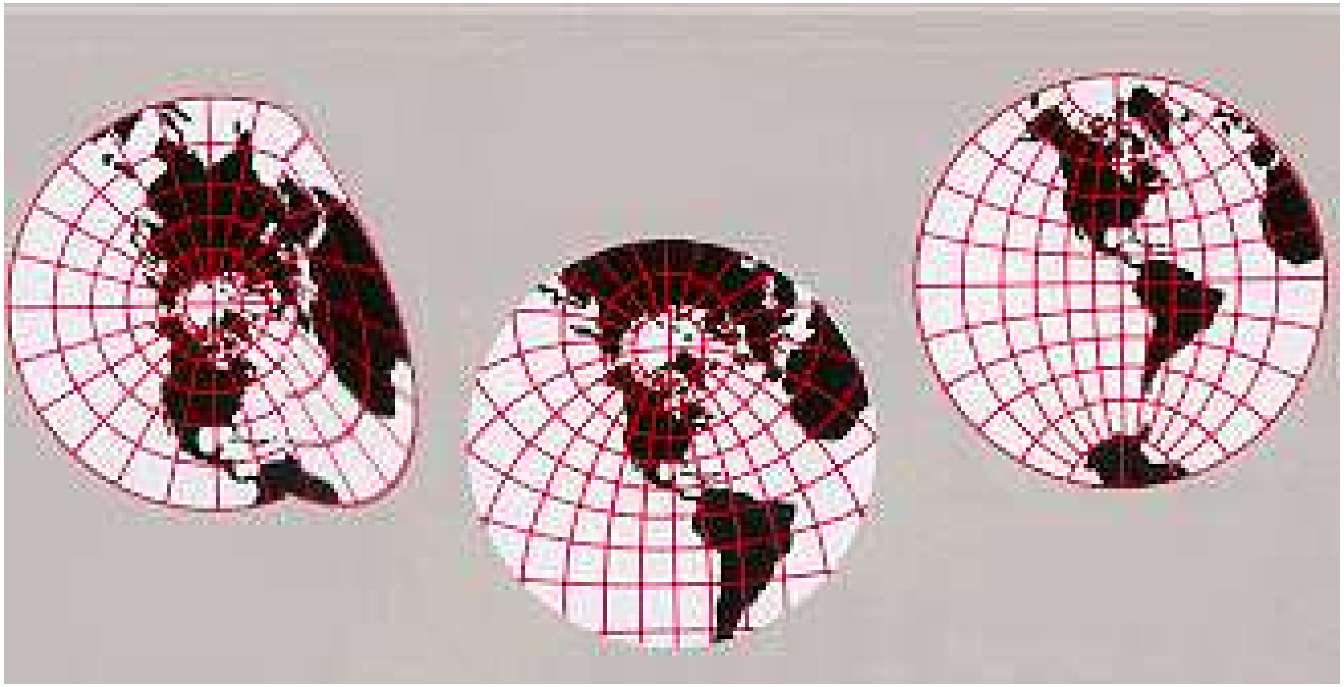

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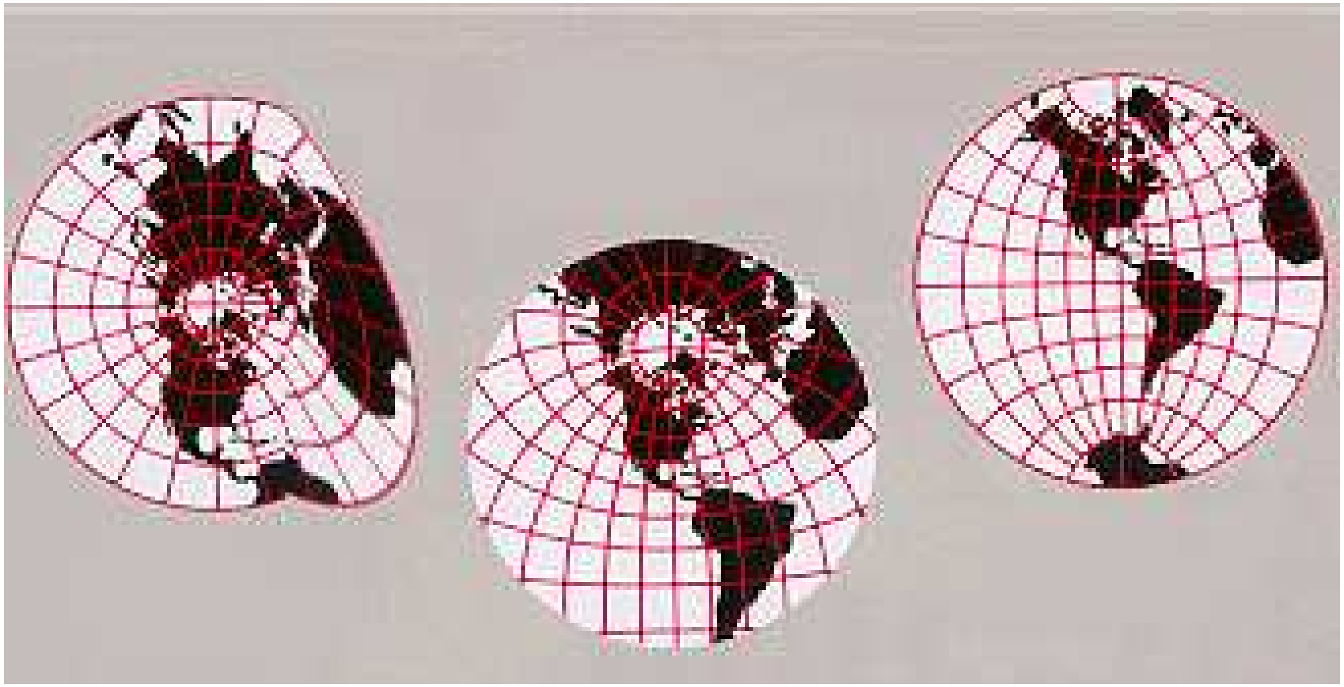

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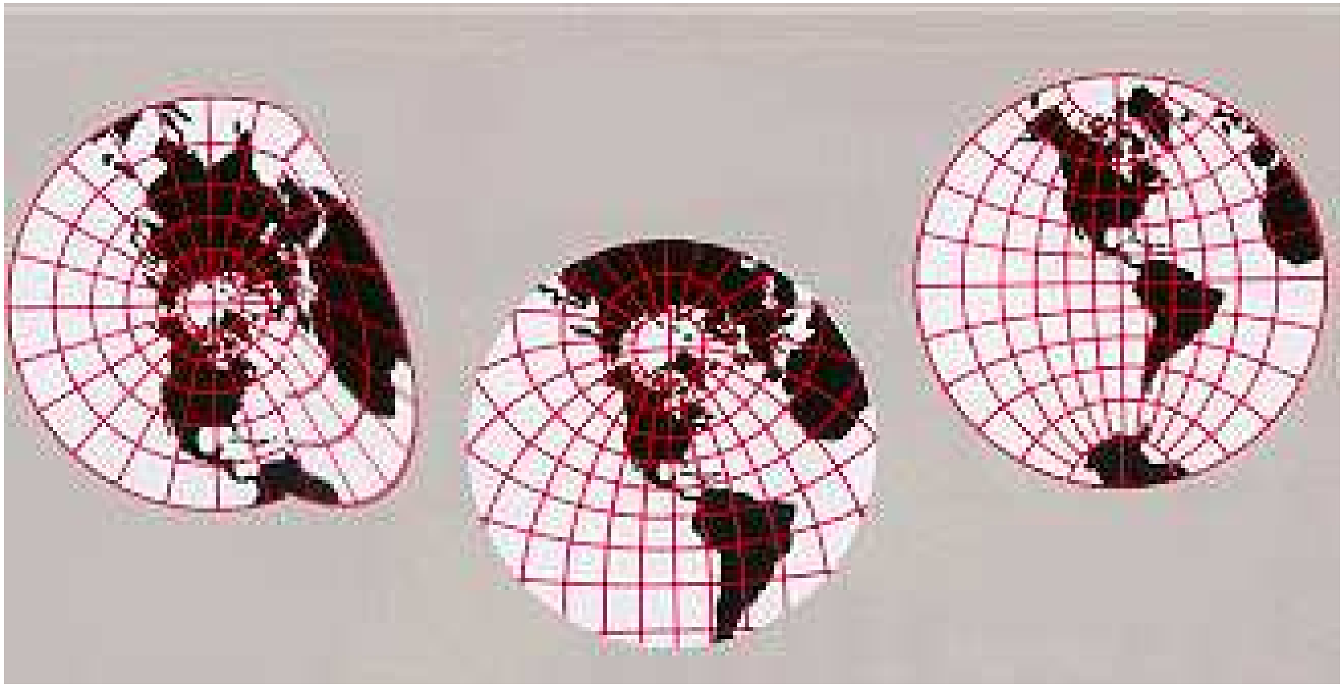

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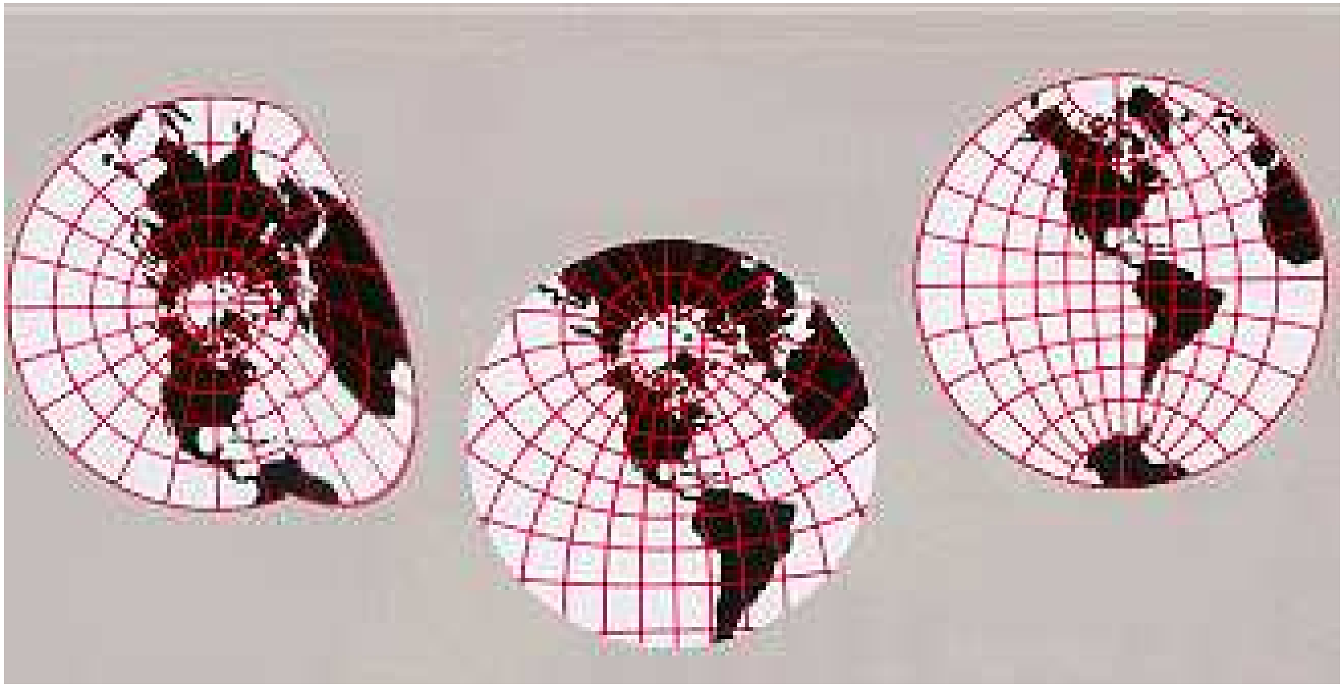

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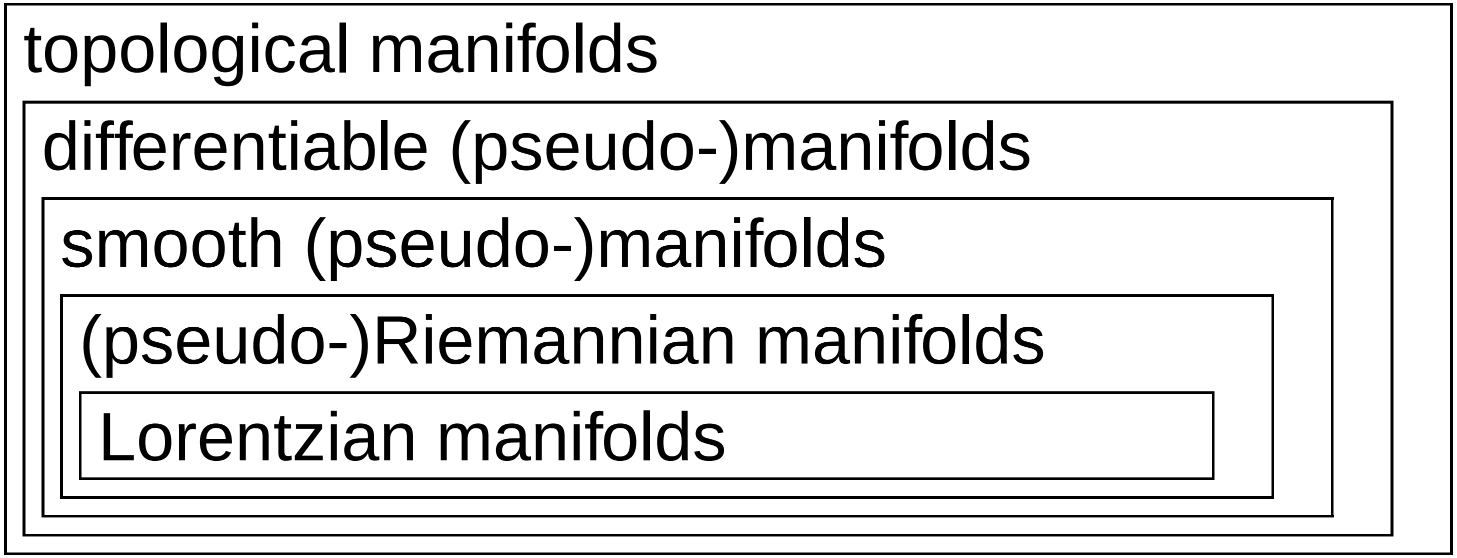

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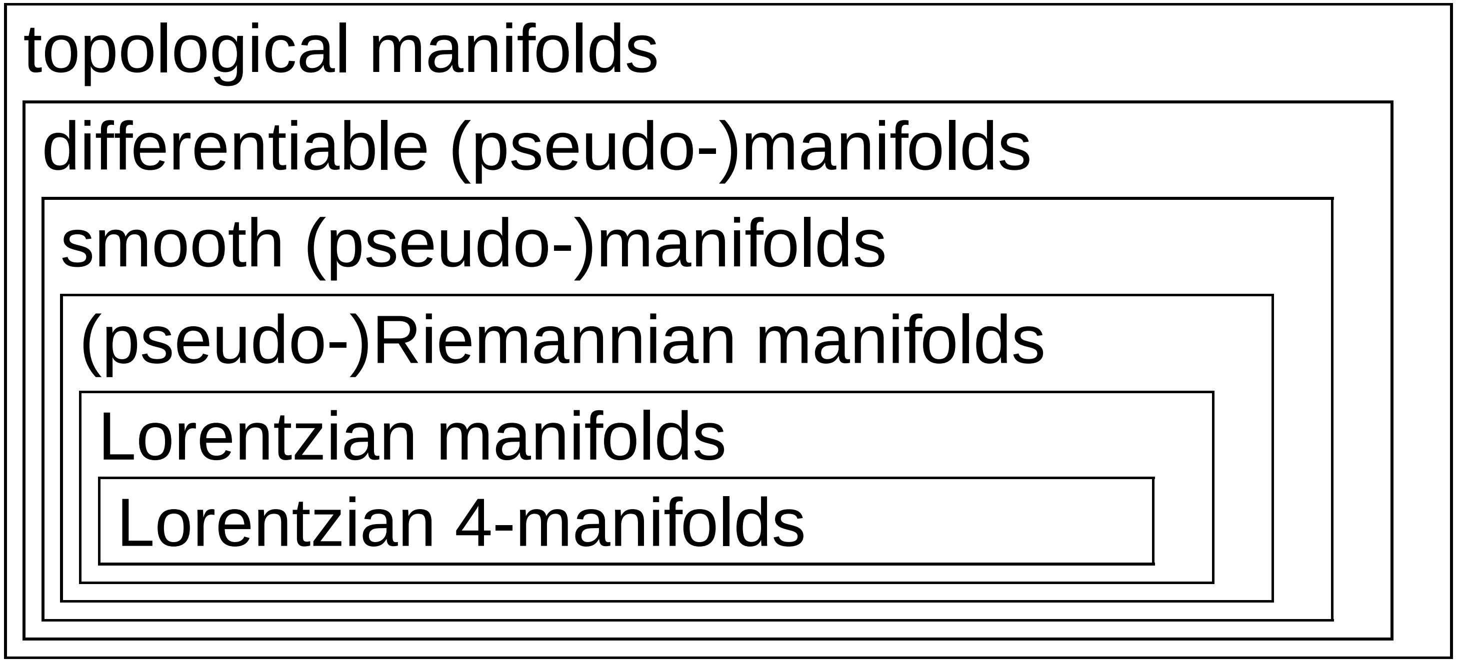

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