

# Graph Structure of Manifolds with Listing

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## Abstract

An  $n$ -manifold  $M$  inherits a graph  $G^{in}[M]$  structure consisting of its charts. Such structure enables one to characterize fundamental groups of manifolds, also combinatorial classifies those of locally compact manifolds with finite non-homotopic loops. Applying the Perelman's result, i.e., *every simply connected 3-manifold is homeomorphic to  $S^3$* , we also conclude that every compact 3-manifold is a 3-dimensional graphs, particularly, every simply connected 3-manifold is a 3-dimensional tree in this paper.

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## §1. Introduction

An  $n$ -manifold is a second countable Hausdorff space of locally Euclidean  $n$ -space without boundary. Terminologies and notions used in this paper are standard. We follow references [1], [10] for topology, [3], [4] for graphs or topological graphs and [5]-[8] for combinatorial manifolds. Here, we only mention some of them.

Denoted by  $\mathbb{S}^n$  an  $n$ -sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  for an integer  $n \geq 1$ , i.e., the points  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1})$  with  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2 = 1$  and  $B^n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) | x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 < 1\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . It is well-known that for any point  $p \in \mathbb{S}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{S}^n \setminus \{p\}$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\Lambda$  be an index set. A *combinatorial Euclidean space*  $E_G(n_\nu; \nu \in \Lambda)$  underlying a connected graph  $G$  is a topological spaces consisting of Euclidean spaces  $\mathbb{R}^{n_\nu}$ ,  $\nu \in \Lambda$  such that

$$V(G) = \{\mathbb{R}^{n_\nu} | \nu \in \Lambda\};$$

$$E(G) = \{ (\mathbb{R}^{n_\mu}, \mathbb{R}^{n_\nu}) \mid \mathbb{R}^{n_\mu} \cap \mathbb{R}^{n_\nu} \neq \emptyset, \mu, \nu \in \Lambda \}.$$

If  $|\Lambda| = 1$ , i.e., the dimension of Euclidean spaces in  $E_G(n_\nu; \nu \in \Lambda)$  are all in the same  $n$ , the notation  $E_G(n_\nu; \nu \in \Lambda)$  is abbreviated to  $E_G(n, \nu \in \Lambda)$  for simplicity.

It is well-known that a Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space with a normal basis  $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\bar{\epsilon}_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\bar{\epsilon}_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$ , namely, it has  $n$  orthogonal orientations. We do not assume  $\mathbb{R}^{n_\mu} \cap \mathbb{R}^{n_\nu} = \mathbb{R}^{\min\{n_\mu, n_\nu\}}$  in general. In fact, let  $\mathcal{X}_{v_\mu}$  be the set of orthogonal orientations in  $\mathbb{R}^{n_\mu}$ ,  $\mu \in \Lambda$ , respectively ([9]). Then  $\mathbb{R}^{n_\mu} \cap \mathbb{R}^{n_\nu} = \mathcal{X}_{v_\mu} \cap \mathcal{X}_{v_\nu}$  in this paper.

A *combinatorial fan-space*  $\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}(n_\nu; \nu \in \Lambda)$  is a combinatorial Euclidean space  $E_{K_{|\Lambda|}}(n_\nu; \nu \in \Lambda)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{n_\nu}$ ,  $\nu \in \Lambda$ , where  $K_{|\Lambda|}$  is the complete graph of order  $|\Lambda|$  such that for any integers  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$ ,  $\mu \neq \nu$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{n_\mu} \cap \mathbb{R}^{n_\nu} = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathbb{R}^{n_\lambda}$ . If

$|\Lambda| = m < +\infty$ , for  $\forall p \in \widetilde{\mathbb{R}}(n_\nu; \nu \in \Lambda)$  we can present it by an  $m \times n_m$  coordinate matrix  $[\bar{x}]$  following with  $x_{il} = \frac{x_l}{m}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq l \leq \widehat{m}$ , where  $\widehat{m}$  is the number of orthogonal orientations in  $\mathcal{X}_{v_\mu} \cap \mathcal{X}_{v_\nu}$ ,

$$[\bar{x}] = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1\widehat{m}} & x_{1(\widehat{m}+1)} & \cdots & x_{1n_1} & \cdots & 0 \\ x_{21} & \cdots & x_{2\widehat{m}} & x_{2(\widehat{m}+1)} & \cdots & x_{2n_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ x_{m1} & \cdots & x_{m\widehat{m}} & x_{m(\widehat{m}+1)} & \cdots & \cdots & x_{mn_{m-1}} & x_{mn_m} \end{bmatrix},$$

which enables us to generalize the conception of manifold to combinatorial manifold, a locally combinatorial Euclidean space.

**Definition 1.1** *A combinatorial manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  is a Hausdorff space such that for any point  $p \in \widetilde{M}$ , there is a local chart  $(U_p, \varphi_p)$  of  $p$ , i.e., an open neighborhood  $U_p$  of  $p$  in  $\widetilde{M}$  and a homoeomorphism  $\varphi_p : U_p \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathbb{R}}(n_1(p), n_2(p), \dots, n_{s(p)}(p))$  with*

$$\{n_1(p), n_2(p), \dots, n_{s(p)}(p)\} \subseteq \{n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda\},$$

$$\bigcup_{p \in \widetilde{M}} \{n_1(p), n_2(p), \dots, n_{s(p)}(p)\} = \{n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda\},$$

denoted by  $\widetilde{M}(n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda)$  or  $\widetilde{M}$  on the context and

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}} = \{(U_p, \varphi_p) \mid p \in \widetilde{M}(n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda)\}$$

an atlas on  $\widetilde{M}(n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda)$ .

A combinatorial manifold  $\widetilde{M}(n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda)$  is finite if it is just combined by finite manifolds without one manifold contained in the union of others.

If  $|\Lambda| = 1$ , then  $\widetilde{M}(n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda)$  is exactly a manifold by definition. Furthermore, if these manifolds  $M_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  in  $\widetilde{M}(n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda)$  are Euclidean spaces

$\mathbb{R}^{n_\nu}$ ,  $\nu \in \Lambda$ , then  $\widetilde{M}(n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda)$  is nothing but the combinatorial Euclidean space  $E_G(n_\nu; \nu \in \Lambda)$ . For a combinatorial manifold  $\widetilde{M}(n_\nu, \nu \in \Lambda)$  consisting of manifolds  $M_\mu$ ,  $\mu \in \Lambda$ , we construct its inherent underlying graph  $G^{in}[\widetilde{M}]$  following.

**Definition 1.2** Let  $\widetilde{M}$  be a finitely combinatorial manifold consisting of manifolds  $M_\mu$ ,  $\mu \in \Lambda$ . An inherent graph  $G^{in}[\widetilde{M}]$  of  $\widetilde{M}$  is such a graph with

$$V(G^{in}[\widetilde{M}]) = \{M_\mu, \mu \in \Lambda\};$$

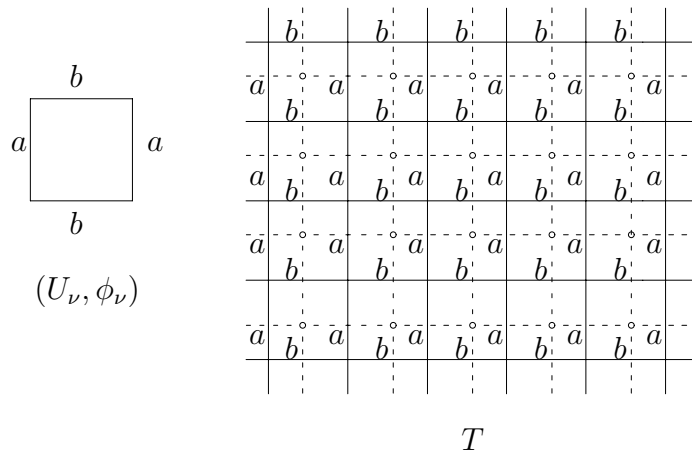
$$E(G^{in}[\widetilde{M}]) = \{(M_\mu, M_\nu)_i, 1 \leq i \leq \kappa_{\mu\nu} + 1 | M_\mu \cap M_\nu \neq \emptyset, \mu, \nu \in \Lambda\},$$

where  $\kappa_{\mu\nu} + 1$  is the number of arcwise connected components in  $M_\mu \cap M_\nu$  for  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$ . Denoted by  $G[\widetilde{M}]$  the underlying graph of  $\widetilde{M}$  defined by

$$V(G[\widetilde{M}]) = \{M_\mu, \mu \in \Lambda\};$$

$$E(G[\widetilde{M}]) = \{(M_\mu, M_\nu) | M_\mu \cap M_\nu \neq \emptyset, \mu, \nu \in \Lambda\}.$$

Particularly, if  $\widetilde{M}$  is a manifold with atlas  $A = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) | \lambda \in \Lambda \}$ , then each  $U_\lambda$  is also an  $n$ -manifold. Whence,  $M$  is itself a combinatorial manifold by Definition 1.1 and we can also construct its inherent graph  $G^{in}[M]$  and underlying graph  $G[M]$  by definition 1.2. For example, a torus  $T$  is shown with its an inherent shown in Fig.1.1, where the inherent graph  $G^{in}[T]$  is represented by dotted lines.



**Fig.1.1**

The objective of this paper is to characterize the combinatorial structure of locally compact  $n$ -manifolds by its graphs  $G^{in}[M]$  and  $G[M]$ . For such manifolds, there is a well-known Poincaré conjecture ([2],[11],[15]) first proved by Perelman in 2003 following.

**Theorem 1.3**(Perelman,[12]-[14]) *Any closed simply connected 3-manifold is homeomorphic to  $S^3$ .*

The inherent graph  $G^{in}[M]$  of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  enables us to transfer the calculation problem of fundamental groups of manifolds to that of graphs and classify locally compact  $n$ -manifolds by that of labeled graphs  $G^L[M]$ . As a by-product, we also clarify the structure of compact 3-manifolds by showing that each of them is a 3-dimensional graph, particularly, each simply connected 3-manifold is a 3-dimensional tree by applying Theorems 1.3.

## §2. Dimensional Graphs

The importance of combinatorial Euclidean spaces  $E_G(n)$  is shown in the next result.

**Theorem 2.1** *Any locally compact  $n$ -manifold  $M$  with an atlas  $A = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}$  is a combinatorial manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  homeomorphic to a Euclidean space  $E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)$  with countable graphs  $G^{in}[M] \cong G$ .*

*Proof* By definition, each  $U_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  is itself an  $n$ -manifold. According to Definitions 1.1 and 1.2, we get a combinatorial manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  with its inherent graph  $G^{in}[M]$ . Define a combinatorial Euclidean space  $E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)$  of spaces  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$\begin{aligned} V(G) &= \{ \varphi_\lambda(U_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}, \\ E(G) &= \{ (\varphi_\lambda(U_\lambda), \varphi_\iota(U_\iota))_i, 1 \leq i \leq \kappa'_{\lambda\iota} + 1 \mid \varphi_\lambda(U_\lambda) \cap \varphi_\iota(U_\iota) \neq \emptyset, \lambda, \iota \in \Lambda \}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\kappa'_{\lambda\iota}$  is the number of non-homotopic loops in formed between  $\varphi_\lambda(U_\lambda)$  and  $\varphi_\iota(U_\iota)$ . Notice that  $\varphi_\lambda(U_\lambda) \cap \varphi_\iota(U_\iota) \neq \emptyset$  if and only if  $U_\lambda \cap U_\iota \neq \emptyset$  and  $\kappa_{\lambda\iota} = \kappa'_{\lambda\iota}$  for  $\lambda, \iota \in \Lambda$ . We know that  $G^{in}[M] \cong G$  by definition.

Now we prove that  $\widetilde{M}$  is homeomorphic to  $E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)$ . By assumption,  $M$  is locally compact. Whence, there exists a partition of unity  $c_\lambda : U_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  on the atlas  $A[M]$ . Let  $A_\lambda = \text{supp}(\varphi_\lambda)$ . Define functions  $h_\lambda : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{H} : M \rightarrow E_G(n)$  by

$$h_\lambda(x) = \begin{cases} c_\lambda(x)\varphi_\lambda(x) & \text{if } x \in U_\lambda, \\ \mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0) & \text{if } x \in U_\lambda - A_\lambda. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \varphi_\lambda c_\lambda, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{J} = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} c_\lambda^{-1} \varphi_\lambda^{-1}.$$

Then  $h_\lambda$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{J}$  all are continuous by the continuity of  $\varphi_\lambda$  and  $c_\lambda$  for  $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$  on  $M$ . Notice that  $c_\lambda^{-1} \varphi_\lambda^{-1} \varphi_\lambda c_\lambda =$ the unity function on  $M$ . We get that  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{H}^{-1}$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{H}$  is a homeomorphism from  $M$  to  $E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.2** An  $n$ -dimensional graph  $\widetilde{M}^n[G]$  is a combinatorial ball space  $\widetilde{B}$  of  $B^n$ ,  $\mu \in \Lambda$  underlying a combinatorial structure  $G$  such that

- (1)  $V(G)$  is discrete consisting of  $B^n$ , i.e.,  $\forall v \in V(G)$  is an open ball  $B_v^n$ ;
- (2)  $\widetilde{M}^n[G] \setminus V(\widetilde{M}^n[G])$  is a disjoint union of open subsets  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$ , each of which is homeomorphic to an open ball  $B^n$ ;
- (3) the boundary  $\bar{e}_i - e_i$  of  $e_i$  consists of one or two  $B^n$  and each pair  $(\bar{e}_i, e_i)$  is homeomorphic to the pair  $(\bar{B}^n, B^n)$ ;
- (4) a subset  $A \subset \widetilde{M}^n[G]$  is open if and only if  $A \cap \bar{e}_i$  is open for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

A topological graph  $T[G]$  of a graph  $G$  is a 1-dimensional graph in a topological space  $P$ . We restate it in the following.

**Definition 2.3** A topological graph  $T[G]$  is a pair  $(X, X^0)$  of a Hausdorff space  $X$  with its a subset  $X^0$  such that

- (1)  $X^0$  is discrete, closed subspaces of  $X$ ;
- (2)  $X - X^0$  is a disjoint union of open subsets  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$ , each of which is homeomorphic to an open interval  $(0, 1)$ ;
- (3) the boundary  $\bar{e}_i - e_i$  of  $e_i$  consists of one or two points. If  $\bar{e}_i - e_i$  consists of two points, then  $(\bar{e}_i, e_i)$  is homeomorphic to the pair  $([0, 1], (0, 1))$ ; if  $\bar{e}_i - e_i$  consists of one point, then  $(\bar{e}_i, e_i)$  is homeomorphic to the pair  $(S^1, S^1 - \{1\})$ ;
- (4) a subset  $A \subset \widetilde{T}[G]$  is open if and only if  $A \cap \bar{e}_i$  is open for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

Observation shows that there is a natural relation between a  $n$ -dimensional graph  $\widetilde{M}^n[G]$  with that of its a topological graph  $T_0[G] = (X_0, X_0^0)$  constructed from  $\widetilde{M}^n[G]_1$  by:

- (1)  $X_0^0 = \{O_v \mid O_v \text{ is the center of } B_v^n \text{ for } v \in V(G)\}$ ;
- (2) for  $\forall uv \in E(G)$ , choose  $uv$  being an arc  $e_{uv} : [0, 1] \rightarrow B_u^n \cup B_v^n$  with  $e_{uv}(0) = O_u, e_{uv}(1) = O_v$  and there is a deformation retract  $E_{uv} : (B_u^n \cup B_v^n) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow (B_u^n \cup B_v^n)$  such that  $E_{uv}(p, t) = p$  for  $\forall p \in e_{uv}, t \in [0, 1]$ .

Then, the following result shows that an  $n$ -dimensional graph  $\widetilde{M}^n[G]$  is in fact a blown up of a topological graph  $T[G]$  to dimensional  $n$ .

**Theorem 2.4** For any integer  $n \geq 1$ ,  $T_0[G]$  is a deformation retract of  $\widetilde{M}^n[G]$ .

*Proof* If  $n = 1$ , then  $\widetilde{M}^n[G] = T_0[G]$  is itself a topological graph. So we assume  $n \geq 2$ . By definition, we can choose compatible  $E_{uv}$  for  $\forall uv \in E(G)$ , i.e.,  $E_{uv} = E_{xy}$  on  $(B_u^n \cup B_v^n) \cap (B_x^n \cup B_y^n)$  for  $uv, xy \in E(G)$ . Whence, applying the Gluing lemma, we can extend the deformation retract  $E_{uv} : (B_u^n \cup B_v^n) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow (B_u^n \cup B_v^n)$  to that of  $f : \widetilde{M}^n[G] \times I \rightarrow \widetilde{M}^n[G]$  with  $f(p, t) = p$  for  $\forall p \in T_0[G], t \in [0, 1]$ . Such a  $f$  is continuous by definition and for  $\forall \bar{x} \in \widetilde{M}^n[G]$ ,

$$f(\bar{x}, 0) = \bar{x}, \quad f(\bar{x}, 1) = p(\bar{x})$$

and  $f(\bar{x}, t) = \bar{x}$  for  $\forall \bar{x} \in T_0[G]$  and  $t \in I$ . Therefore,  $T_0[G]$  is a deformation retract of  $\widetilde{M}^n[G]$  by definition.  $\square$

Notice that the inclusion mapping  $i : T_0[G] \rightarrow \widetilde{M}^n[G]$  is an isomorphism between groups  $\pi(T_0[G], v_0)$  and  $\pi(\widetilde{M}^n[G]_1, v_0)$ . We get a conclusion by Theorem 2.4 following.

**Corollary 2.5** *Let  $\widetilde{M}^n[G]$  be an  $n$ -dimensional graph. Then for  $v_0 \in T_0[G]$ ,*

$$\pi(\widetilde{M}^n[G], v_0) \cong \pi(T_0[G], v_0).$$

We have known the structure of fundamental group of a topological graph  $T[G]$  in [13]. Whence, we can characterize the fundamental group of a  $n$ -dimensional graph  $\widetilde{M}^n[G]$  by applying Corollary 2.5 following.

**Theorem 2.6** *Let  $T_{span}$  be a spanning tree in the topological graph  $T_0[G]$ ,  $\{e_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  the set of edges of  $T_0[G]$  not in  $T_{span}$  and  $\alpha_\lambda = A_\lambda e_\lambda B_\lambda \in \pi(T_0[G], v_0)$  a loop associated with  $e_\lambda = a_\lambda b_\lambda$  for  $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ , where  $v_0 \in T_0[G]$  and  $A_\lambda, B_\lambda$  are unique paths from  $v_0$  to  $a_\lambda$  or from  $b_\lambda$  to  $v_0$  in  $T_{span}$ . Then*

$$\pi(T_0[G], v_0) = \langle \alpha_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda \rangle.$$

An  $n$ -dimensional tree is an  $n$ -dimensional graph  $\widetilde{M}^n[G]$  with a tree  $G$ , denoted by  $\widetilde{M}^n[T]$ . Applying Theorem 2.4, we know the next result.

**Theorem 2.7** *An  $n$ -dimensional tree  $\widetilde{M}^n[T]$  is contractible.*

*Proof* By Theorem 2.4, we know that there is a continuous mapping  $f : \widetilde{M}^n[T] \times I \rightarrow \widetilde{M}^n[T]$  such that  $T_0[T]$  is a deformation retract of  $\widetilde{M}^n[T]$ , i.e., for  $\forall \bar{x} \in \widetilde{M}^n[T]$ ,

$$f(\bar{x}, 0) = \bar{x}, \quad f(\bar{x}, 1) = p(\bar{x}),$$

and  $f(\bar{x}, t) = \bar{x}$  for  $\forall \bar{x} \in T_0[T]$  and  $t \in I$ . Notice that  $T_0[T]$  is contractible ([13]), we have a continuous mapping  $g : T_0[T] \times I \rightarrow T_0[T]$  such that  $\{v_0\}$  is a deformation retract for  $\forall v_0 \in T_0[T]$ . Whence, the composition mapping  $g \circ f : \widetilde{M}^n[T] \times I \rightarrow \widetilde{M}^n[T]$  is continuous such that for  $\forall \bar{x} \in \widetilde{M}^n[T]$ ,

$$g \circ f(\bar{x}, 0) = \bar{x}, \quad g \circ f(\bar{x}, 1) = p(\bar{x}),$$

and  $g \circ f(v_0, t) = v_0$  for  $\forall t \in I$ , i.e.,  $\{v_0\}$  is a deformation retract of  $\widetilde{M}^n[T]_1$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Let  $E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)$  be a Euclidean space of of Euclidean spaces  $\mathbb{R}^{n_\nu}$ ,  $\nu \in \Lambda$ . Obviously,  $A = \{(\mathbb{R}^{n_\nu}, \#) | \nu \in \Lambda\}$  is its one alta. Denoted by  $N_C(\widetilde{E})$  and

$N_C(G^{in}[E])$  the sets of non-equivalent homotopic loops in  $E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)$  and cycles in its inherent graph  $G^{in}[E]$ , respectively. Then we know the following interesting result.

**Theorem 2.8** *There is a bijection  $\vartheta : N_C(E) \rightarrow N_C(G^{in}[E])$ , i.e.,*

$$\pi(E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)) \cong \pi(G^{in}[E]).$$

*Proof* We only need to prove that a loop  $L \in N_C(E)$  if and only if there is a cycle  $C_L \in N_C(G^{in}[E])$ . The proof is divided into two cases following.

**Case 1.**  $L$  comes from the underlying graph  $G[E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)]$ .

According to Theorems 2.1 and 2.4, we know that the underlying graphs of  $E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)$  and  $G^{in}[E]$  are isomorphic. Whence there exists a cycle  $C_L \in T_0[G]$ , i.e.,  $C_L \in N_C(G^{in}[E])$  correspondent to  $L$  and verse via, for a cycle  $C \in T_0[G]$ , there also exists a loop  $L_C \in N_C(E)$  for a cycle  $C$ . Whence, such a mapping  $\vartheta : L \rightarrow C_L$  is a bijection.

**Case 2.**  $L$  comes from  $U_\mu \cap U_\nu$  for two indexes  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$ .

Assume there are  $\kappa_{\mu\nu}$  non-homotopic loops in  $U \cap U_\nu$ . Not loss of generality, let  $L$  be the  $i$ th loop. By Definition 1.1, we have a cycle  $C_L$  consisted of multiple edges  $(U_\mu, U_\nu)_i$  with  $(U_\mu, U_\nu)_{i+1}$  in the graph  $G^{in}[M]$ . Then  $\vartheta : L \rightarrow C_L$  is a bijection by definition.

Combining the discussion of Cases 1 and 2, we get a bijection

$$\vartheta : N_C(E) \rightarrow N_C(G^{in}[E]).$$

Notice that  $\pi(E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)) = \langle N_C(E) \rangle$  and  $\pi(G^{in}[E]) = \langle N_C(G^{in}[E]) \rangle$ . The bijection  $\vartheta : N_C(E) \rightarrow N_C(G^{in}[E])$  naturally induces an isomorphism  $\vartheta* : \pi(E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)) \rightarrow \pi(G^{in}[E])$  by defining  $\vartheta*(L_1 + L_2) = \vartheta(L_1) + \vartheta(L_2)$  for  $L_1, L_2 \in N_C(E)$  in the field  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . Hence, we conclude that

$$\pi(E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)) \cong \pi(G^{in}[E]). \quad \square$$

### §3 Graph Structures of Compact 3-Manifolds

There are many cycles in  $G^{in}[M]$  are contractible. For example, these cycles on the plane  $\mathbb{E}^2$  in Fig.1.1. We introduce the following conception for removing those dispensable.

**Definition 3.1** *An atlas  $A[M] = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}$  of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  is minimal if there are no indexes  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$  and a continuous mapping  $\varphi_{\mu\nu}$  with  $\varphi_{\mu\nu} : U_\mu \cup U_\nu \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that*

$$A' = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda), (U_\mu \cup U_\nu, \varphi_{\mu\nu}) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \setminus \{\mu, \nu\} \}$$

is also an atlas of  $M^n$ . An atlas  $A[M]$  of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  is minimum if it has minimum cardinality among all of its minimal atlases. Denoted such a minimal atlas by  $A_{min}[M]$  and its inherent graph by  $G_{min}^{in}[M]$ .

Then we get the following result immediately by Definitions 1.1 and 3.1.

**Theorem 3.2** *The number  $\varpi(G_{min}^{in}[M])$  of cycles basis of  $G_{min}^{in}[M]$  is*

$$\varpi(G_{min}^{in}[M]) = \varpi(G_{min}[M]) + \sum_{(U_\mu, U_\nu) \in E(G[M])} \kappa_{\mu\nu},$$

where  $G_{min}[M]$  denotes the underlying graph in the minimum atlas  $A[M]$ . Therefore,  $\varpi(G_{min}^{in}[M]) = 0$  if and only if  $\varpi(G_{min}[M]) = 0$  and  $\kappa_{\mu\nu} = 0$  for  $(U_\mu, U_\nu) \in E(G_{min}[M])$ .

The following result characterizes the minimal atlas of  $n$ -manifolds.

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $A[M] = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}$  be an atlas of a locally compact  $n$ -manifold  $M$ . Then*

(i)  $A[M]$  is minimal if and only if there are no indexes  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$  such that  $U_\mu \cap U_\nu$  is arewise-connected, i.e.,  $\kappa_{\mu\nu} \geq 1$  for  $\forall \mu, \nu \in \Lambda$  with  $U_\mu \cap U_\nu \neq \emptyset$ .

(ii)  $M$  is with finite non-homotopic loops if and only if  $A_{min}[M]$  is finite.

*Proof* (i) If the conclusion (i) is not true, then there exist indexes  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$  such that  $U_\mu \cap U_\nu$  is arewise-connected. Assume

$$\varphi_\mu(U_\mu \cap U_\nu) = S \subset \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_\nu(U_\mu \cap U_\nu) = T \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Notice that  $S$  and  $T$  are homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by definition. We can always choose a continuous mapping  $\tau : S \rightarrow T$ , i.e.,  $\tau(S) = T$ . Define

$$\varphi_\mu^\tau = \tau \varphi_\mu.$$

Then we get that  $\varphi_\mu^\tau|_{U_\mu \cap U_\nu} = \varphi_\nu|_{U_\mu \cap U_\nu}$ . Whence, there is a continuous mapping  $\varphi_{\mu\nu} : U_\mu \cup U_\nu \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Therefore,

$$A' = \{ (U_\mu \cup U_\nu; \varphi_{\mu\nu}), (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \setminus \{\mu, \nu\} \}$$

is also an atlas of  $M$  but with  $|A'| = |\Lambda| - 1$ . This contradicts to the minimality of  $\Lambda$ . So the conclusion (i) holds.

(ii) If  $A_{min}[M]$  is finite, then  $M$  is obvious only with finite non-homotopic loops by the assumption of its locally compactness. Now let

$$A_{min}[M^n] = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}$$

be a minimum atlas of a locally compact manifold  $M$  with an infinite index set  $\Lambda$ . By (i), there are no indexes  $\mu, \nu$  in  $\Lambda$  such that  $U_\mu \cap U_\nu$  is arcwise connected.



In other words,  $U_\mu \cap U_\nu = \emptyset$  or with more than 2 arcwise components for  $\forall \mu, \nu \in \Lambda$ , i.e.,  $\kappa_{\mu\nu} \geq 1$  for  $\forall (U_\mu, U_\nu) \in E(G_{min}^{in})[M]$ . Applying Theorem 3.2, we know that the number

$$\varpi(G_{min}^L[M^n]) = \varpi(G_{min}[M^n]) + \sum_{e \in E(G_{min}[M^n])} (L(e) - 1)$$

of cycle basis of  $G_{min}^{in}[M]$  is greater than any sufficient larger number  $N > 0$ , which contradicts the assumption that  $M$  is only with finite non-homotopic loops.  $\square$

Combining Theorems 2.1, 2.4 and 2.8, we get an important result on locally  $n$ -manifolds following.

**Theorem 3.4** *For any locally compact  $n$ -manifold  $M$ , there always exists an inherent graph  $G_{min}^{in}[M]$  such that*

$$\pi(M) \cong \pi(G_{min}^{in}[M]).$$

*Proof* According to Theorem 2.1, there is a combinatorial Euclidean space  $E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)$  homeomorphic to  $M$ . Applying Theorems 2.4 and 2.8, we get a minimum atlas  $A[M]$  with an inherent graph  $G_{min}^{in}[M]$  such that

$$\pi(E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)) \cong \pi(G_{min}^{in}[M]),$$

Whence, we know that

$$\pi(M) \cong \pi(E_G(n, \lambda \in \Lambda)) \cong \pi(G_{min}^{in}[M]). \quad \square$$

**Corollary 3.5** *The number of non-homotopic loops in a locally compact  $n$ -manifold  $M$  is equal to the dimension of cycle space of its  $T_0[G_{min}^{in}[M]]$ .*

This result alludes to that we can combinatorially determine the fundamental group of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  with finite non-homotopic loops.

**Corollary 3.6** *For an integer  $n \geq 2$ , a compact  $n$ -manifold  $M$  is simply connected if and only if  $G_{min}^{in}[M]$  is a finite tree.*

*Proof* By definition,  $M$  is compact if and only if  $|G_{min}^{in}[M]|$  is finite. Applying Theorems 3.2 and 3.4, we know that  $\pi(M)$  is trivial if and only if  $\pi(G_{min}^{in}[M])$  is trivial. Now by Corollary 2.5, there must be  $\pi(T_0[H_G], v_0) = \{v_0\}$  for  $v_0 \in T_0[H_G] \cap M$ . But this can happens only if  $T_0[H_G]$  is a finite tree by Theorem 2.6.  $\square$

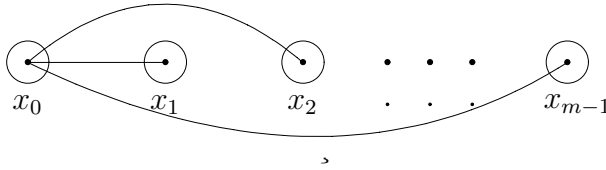
Applying Theorem 1.3, the Perelman's result, we can completely determine the structure of compact 3-manifolds following.

**Lemma 3.7** *Let  $X = U \cup V$  with  $U, V$  homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m$  be all arcwise-connected components in  $U \cap V$ ,  $m \geq 1$ . Then each  $C_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  is homeomorphic to  $S^3$ .*

*Proof* Choose points  $x_{i-1} \in C_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and arcs  $a(x_0, x_i) \subset V$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ . Define

$$U^E = U \cup \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^{m-1} a(x_0, x_i) \right).$$

Then we know that  $U^E$  is still open and  $U^E \cap V$  an arcwise connected star  $S_{1, m-1}$ , such as those shown in Fig.3.2.



**Fig.3.1**

Applying the Seifert-Van Kampen theorem, we know that for  $x_0 \in U \cap V$ , the fundamental group of  $U^E \cup V$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1(U^E \cup V, x_0) &\cong \frac{\pi_1(U^E, x_0)\pi_1(V, x_0)}{[i_1^{-1}(g) \cdot i_2(g) \mid g \in \pi_1(U^E \cap V, x_0)]} \\ &\cong \frac{1}{[i_1^{-1}(g) \cdot i_2(g) \mid g \in \prod_{i=1}^m \pi_1(C_i, x_{i-1})]}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $[A]$  denotes the minimal normal subgroup of a group  $G$  included  $A \subset G$ . Whence, each fundamental group  $\pi_1(C_i, x_{i-1})$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  is trivial. That is, a simply connected 3-manifold. Applying Theorem 1.3, we know that each  $C_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  is homeomorphic to  $S^3$ .  $\square$

Now we can determine the dimensional graph structure of compact 3-manifolds following.

**Theorem 3.8** *Every compact 3-manifold  $M$  is a 3-dimensional graph underlying  $G_{min}^{in}[M]$ . Particularly, every simply connected 3-manifold is a 3-dimensional tree.*

*Proof* Let  $A[M] = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}$  be an atlas of  $M$ . By definition, each  $v \in V(G_{min}^{in}[M])$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and consequently,  $S^3$ . Applying Lemma 3.7, we also know that each  $e \in E(G_{min}^{in}[M])$  is homeomorphic to  $S^3$ . Whence, by the definition of  $n$ -dimensional graph we know that  $M$  is a 3-dimensional graph.

Applying Corollary 3.6, a 3-manifold  $M$  is simply connected if and only if  $G_{min}^{in}[M]$  is a finite tree. Whence,  $M$  is a 3-dimensional tree.  $\square$

#### §4. Listing Compact Manifolds by Labeled Graphs

An inherent graph  $G^{in}[M]$  of a compact manifold  $M$  can be simply transferred to an edge labeled graph following.

**Definition 4.1** Let  $A[M] = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}$  be an atlas of a compact  $n$ -manifold  $M$  and  $G^{in}[M]$  the inherent graph of  $M$ . Define an edge labeled graph  $G^L[M]$  following:

$$\begin{aligned} V(G^L[M]) &= V(G^{in}[M]); \\ E(G^L[M]) &= \{(U_\mu, U_\nu) \mid \mu, \nu \in \Lambda\}, \end{aligned}$$

and each edge  $(U_\mu, U_\nu) \in E(G^L[M])$  with a labeling  $L : (U_\mu, U_\nu) \rightarrow \kappa_{\mu\nu}$ , where  $\kappa_{\mu\nu} + 1$  is the number of arcwise connected components in  $U_\mu \cap U_\nu$  for  $\mu, \nu \in \Lambda$ .

Then we know the labeled graph, or the equivalent inherent graph of an  $n$ -manifold is topological invariant following.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $A[M] = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}$  be a atlas of a locally compact  $n$ -manifold  $M$ . Then the labeled graph  $G_{|\Lambda|}^L$  of  $M$  is a topological invariant on  $|\Lambda|$ , i.e., if  $H_{|\Lambda|}^{L_1}$  and  $G_{|\Lambda|}^{L_2}$  are two labeled  $n$ -dimensional graphs of  $M$ , then there exists a self-homeomorphism  $h : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $h : H_{|\Lambda|}^{L_1} \rightarrow G_{|\Lambda|}^{L_2}$  naturally induces an isomorphism of graph.

*Proof* Let  $A_{|\Lambda|}^1[M] = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda_1 \}$  and  $A_{|\Lambda|}^2[M] = \{ (V_\lambda; \phi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda_2 \}$  be two minimum atlases of a locally compact  $n$ -manifold  $M$  with labeled graphs  $H_{|\Lambda|}^{L_1}$  and  $G_{|\Lambda|}^{L_2}$ , respectively, where  $\Lambda_1 = \Lambda_2 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, k, \dots\}$  are countable index sets. Notice that  $\varphi_\lambda : U_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\phi_\lambda : V_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  are homeomorphisms for  $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda_1$  and  $\iota \in \Lambda_2$ . So there is a homeomorphism  $\tau_\lambda : \varphi_\lambda(U_\lambda) \rightarrow \phi_\lambda(V_\lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda_1 = \Lambda_2$ . Now define

$$h_\lambda = \phi_\lambda^{-1} \tau_\lambda \varphi_\lambda : x \rightarrow \phi_\lambda^{-1}(\tau_\lambda(\varphi_\lambda(x))) \text{ for } x \in U_\lambda.$$

Then  $h_\lambda$  with its inverse  $h_\lambda^{-1} = \varphi_\lambda^{-1} \tau_\lambda^{-1} \phi_\lambda$  is continuous on  $M$ . By the compactness of  $M^n$  there exists a partition of unity  $c_\lambda : U_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  on the atlas  $A_{|\Lambda|}^1[M]$ . Define a function  $h : M \rightarrow M$  by

$$h = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \phi_\lambda^{-1} \tau_\lambda \varphi_\lambda c_\lambda,$$

where  $A_\lambda = \text{supp}(\varphi_\lambda)$  and

$$\phi_\lambda^{-1}\tau_\lambda\varphi_\lambda c_\lambda(x) = \begin{cases} c_\lambda(x)\phi_\lambda^{-1}\tau_\lambda\varphi_\lambda(x) & \text{if } x \in U_\lambda, \\ \mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0) & \text{if } x \in U_\lambda - A_\lambda. \end{cases}$$

Then  $h : M \rightarrow M$  is a homeomorphism with  $h(U_\lambda) = V_\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda_1 = \Lambda_2$ . Hence,  $h : V(H_{|\Lambda|}^L) \rightarrow V(G_{|\Lambda|}^L)$  is a bijection by definition.

Now if there are  $\kappa_{\mu\nu}$  non-homotopic loops between  $U_\mu$  and  $U_\nu$ , then there are must be  $\kappa_{\mu\nu}$  non-homotopic loops between  $V_\mu$  and  $V_\nu$  and vice via by the homeomorphic property. Therefore,  $L_1 : (U_\mu, U_\nu) \rightarrow \kappa_{\mu\nu} + 1$  in  $H_{|\Lambda|}^L$  if and only if  $L_2 : (V_\mu, V_\nu) \rightarrow \kappa_{\mu\nu} + 1$  in  $G_{|\Lambda|}^L$ , i.e.,  $h(U_\mu, U_\nu) = (h(U_\mu), h(V_\nu))$  with  $L_1(U_\mu, U_\nu) = L_2(h(U_\mu), h(U_\nu))$ . By definition, two labeled graphs  $G_1^L$  and  $G_2^L$  with labeling mappings  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are said to be isomorphic if there is an isomorphism  $\varpi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  with  $\varpi L_1 = L_2 \varpi$ . Whence,  $h : H_{|\Lambda|}^L \rightarrow G_{|\Lambda|}^L$  naturally induces an isomorphism between labeled graphs  $H_{|\Lambda|}^{L_1}$  and  $G_{|\Lambda|}^{L_2}$ .  $\square$

We get useful conclusions by Theorem 4.2 following.

**Corollary 4.3** *The labeled graph  $G_{|\Lambda|}^L$  of a locally compact  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$  is uniquely dependent on the minimum index set  $|\Lambda|$ .*

**Corollary 4.6** *If the minimum labeled graph  $G_{min}^L[M_1]$  of a locally compact  $n$ -manifold  $M_1$  is not isomorphic to the minimum labeled graph  $G_{min}^L[M_2]$  of  $M_2$ , then  $M_1$  is not homeomorphic to  $M_2$ .*

Now by Theorem 4.2, let

$$A_{min}[M] = \{ (U_\lambda; \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda, |\Lambda| < +\infty \}$$

be a minimum atlas of locally compact  $n$ -manifolds  $M$ . Then we can list  $n$ -manifolds, particularly, 3-manifolds following by Theorem 3.8 and Corollary 4.6 as follows.

(1)  $|\Lambda| = 1$

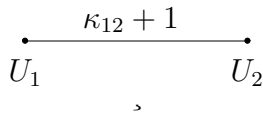
In this case,  $A_{min}[M] = \{(U; \varphi)\}$ , i.e.,  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(2)  $|\Lambda| = 2$

In this case,

$$A_{min}[M] = \{(U_1; \varphi_1), (U_2; \varphi_2)\}$$

and  $M$  is double covered, which can be classified by labeled graphs  $D_{0,1,0}^L$  shown in Fig.3.1,



**Fig.4.1**

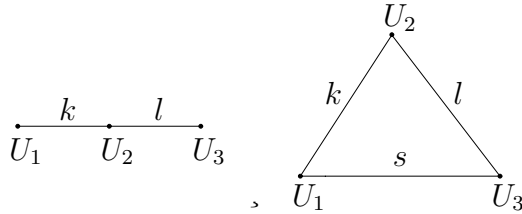
For example, if  $n = 2$  with  $U_1 = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\varphi_1 = z$  and  $U_2 = (\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}) \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $\varphi_2 = 1/z$ , then  $\kappa_{12} = 0$  and the 2-manifold is just the Riemann sphere.

(3)  $|\Lambda| = 3$

In this case,

$$A_{min}[M] = \{(U_1; \varphi_1), (U_2; \varphi_2), (U_3; \varphi_3)\}$$

and we can list such  $n$ -manifolds  $M$  by labeled graphs in Fig.3.2, where integers  $k, l, s \geq 2$ .



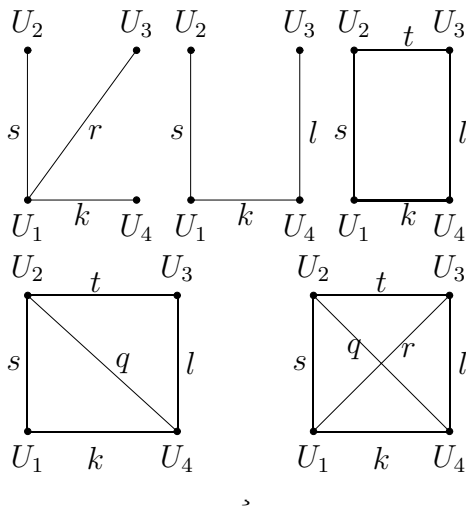
**Fig.4.2**

(4)  $|\Lambda| = 4$

In this case,

$$A_{min}[M] = \{(U_1; \varphi_1), (U_2; \varphi_2), (U_3; \varphi_3), (U_4; \varphi_4)\}$$

and we can list such  $n$ -manifolds  $M$  by labeled graphs in Fig.3.3, where integers  $k, l, r, q, s, t \geq 2$ .



**Fig.4.3**

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(P)  $|\Lambda| = p$

In this case,

$$A_{min}[M] = \{(U_i; \varphi_i), 1 \leq i \leq p\}.$$

and there are  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{k(p)}$  such non-isomorphic graphs known in graph theory, where

$$k(p) \sim \frac{2^{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}}}{n!}$$

is the number of non-isomorphic graphs of order  $p$  with

$p$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$k(p)$	1	1	2	6	21	112	853	11117	261080

for  $p \leq 9$ . Then we can list such  $n$ -manifolds  $M$  by labeled graphs following:

$$G_1^L, G_2^L, \dots, G_{k(p)}^L, \quad L_i(e_{ij}) \geq 2 \quad \text{for } \forall e_i \in E(G_i), 1 \leq i \leq k(p).$$

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