

The Volume of n -dimensional Xmas Balls

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1 Eulers Gamma function

1.1 Definition (Gamma function). The function $\Gamma : \mathbb{R}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

$$x \mapsto \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} \exp(-t) dt$$

is *Eulers Gamma function*. The integral is to be interpreted as an improper Riemann integral.

1.2 Theorem (Properties of the Gamma function).

- (i) The Γ function is well defined.
- (ii) The Γ function satisfies

$$\Gamma(1) = 1 \qquad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} : x \cdot \Gamma(x) = \Gamma(x+1)$$

- (iii) For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n!$$

- (iv) The Γ function is strictly increasing, i.e.

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} : 1 < x < y \Rightarrow \Gamma(x) < \Gamma(y)$$

Proof.

- (i) We have to show that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ the integral

$$\int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} \exp(-t) dt = \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{\varepsilon}^1 t^{x-1} \exp(-t) dt + \lim_{R \nearrow \infty} \int_1^R t^{x-1} \exp(-t) dt$$

converges. On the one hand

$$t^{x-1} \exp(-t) \leq t^{x-1} \Rightarrow \int_0^1 t^{x-1} \exp(-t) dt \leq \int_0^1 t^{x-1} dt$$

The right hand integral converges if and only if

$$1 - x < 1 \Leftrightarrow 0 < x \Leftrightarrow x > 0$$

which holds by hypothesis. On the other hand

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{x+1} \exp(-t) = 0$$

so there exists $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $t \geq t_0$:

$$t^{x+1} \exp(-t) \leq 1 \Rightarrow t^{x-1} \exp -t \leq \frac{1}{t^2} = t^{-2} \Rightarrow \int_{t_0}^{\infty} t^{x-1} \exp(-t) dt \leq \int_{t_0}^{\infty} t^{-2} dt$$

and the last integral converges if and only if $2 > 1$ which is clearly true.

(ii) A direct calculation reveals

$$\Gamma(1) = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^R \exp(-t) dt = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} [-\exp(-t)]_0^R = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} -\exp(-R) + \exp(0) = 1$$

By partial integration we obtain

$$\int_{\varepsilon}^R t^x e^{-t} dt = \int_{\varepsilon}^R t^x (-e^{-t})' dt = -t^x e^{-t} \Big|_{\varepsilon}^R + x \int_{\varepsilon}^R t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$$

By sending $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, $R \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain the desired result. (Notice that it does not matter which limit we take first).

(iii) This follows immediately from (ii).

(iv) We just calculate

$$1 < x < y \Rightarrow 0 < x - 1 < y - 1 \Rightarrow \forall t \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} : t^{x-1} < t^{y-1} \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt < \int_0^{\infty} t^{y-1} e^{-t} dt$$

□

1.3 Lemma (Asymptotic Behaviour of the Γ function).

(i) $n! > \left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^n$

(ii) For any $C > 0$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C^x}{\Gamma(x)} = 0$$

Proof.

(i) We use induction over n . Clearly the statement holds for $n = 1$. The induction step follows via

$$\left(\frac{n+1}{3}\right)^{n+1} = \left(\frac{n+1}{3}\right)^n \frac{n+1}{3} = \left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \frac{n+1}{3} < n!(n+1) \frac{e}{3} < (n+1)!$$

(ii) First consider the subseries of even integers $n = 2m$. In that case

□

In other words

$$e^n \in o(\Gamma(n))$$

2 The n -dimensional unit ball

2.1 Definition. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we denote by

$$B^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\|_2 \leq 1\}$$

the euclidian unit ball and by

$$V^n := \mu(B^n)$$

its volume with respect to the standard n -dimensional Lebesgue measure.

2.2 Theorem (Integration of rotational symmetric functions). Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval and denote by $K(I) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \inf I \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \sup I\}$ the generated ball in \mathbb{R}^n . Let $F : K(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a rotational symmetric function, i.e. there exists a function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $F(x) = f(\|x\|_2)$. Then F is integrable over $K(I)$ if and only if $r \mapsto f(r)r^{n-1}$ is integrable over I and

$$\int_{K(I)} F(x) dx = nV^n \int_I f(r)r^{n-1} dr$$

Proof. Employing polar coordinates (see Appendix) the transformation theorem implies

$$\int_{K(I)} F(x) dx = \int_{I \times \Pi} (F \circ P)(r, \varphi) |\det \nabla P((r, \varphi))| d((r, \varphi)) = \int_I f(r)r^{n-1} dr \int_{\Pi} C(\varphi) d\varphi \quad (1)$$

So especially

$$V^n = \int_{K(I)} 1 dx = \int_{[0,1]} r^{n-1} dr \int_{\Pi} C(\varphi) d\varphi = \frac{1}{n} \int_{\Pi} C(\varphi) d\varphi \quad (2)$$

Multiplying by n and substituting (2) into (1) we obtain

$$\int_{K(I)} F(x) dx = nV^n \int_I f(r)r^{n-1} dr \quad (3)$$

□

2.3 Theorem (Volume of n -balls).

$$V^n = \frac{\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + 1)}$$

Proof. On the one hand Fubinis theorem implies

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \exp(-\|x\|_2^2) dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n -x_i^2\right) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(-x_i^2) dx \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-x_i^2) dx_i = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-t^2) dt\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand applying theorem 2.2 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \exp(-\|x\|_2^2) dx &= nV^n \int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} r^{n-1} dr = \frac{n}{2} V^n \int_0^\infty e^{-(r^2)} r^{2(\frac{n}{2}-1)} 2r dr \\ &= \frac{n}{2} V^n \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{\frac{n}{2}-1} dt = V^n \frac{n}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = V^n \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) \end{aligned}$$

Combining both calculations for $n = 2$ we obtain:

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-t^2) dt\right)^2 = V^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{2} + 1\right) = \pi \Gamma(2) = \pi \cdot 1 \cdot \Gamma(1) = \pi$$

This implies the equation

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-t^2) dt = \sqrt{\pi}$$

which is quite famous by the way.

Alltogether we obtain

$$\pi^{\frac{n}{2}} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-t^2) dt\right)^n = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \exp(-\|x\|_2^2) dx = V^n \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)$$

Rearranging we obtain the desired result. □

2.4 Corrolary (Asymptotics).

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V^n = 0$$

Proof. This follows more ore less directly from lemma 1.3,(ii). Alternatively we can use lemma 1.3,(i) by first considering the subseries of even integers $n = 2m$:

$$V^n = V^{2m} = \frac{\pi^{\frac{2m}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{2m}{2} + 1)} = \frac{\pi^m}{m!} < \frac{\pi^m}{(\frac{m}{3})^m} = \left(\frac{3\pi}{m}\right)^m \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

For the odd subseries write $n = 2m + 1$, use monotony of the Γ function and then the sandwich lemma:

$$0 \xleftarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^m}{(m+1)!} = \frac{\pi^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}}{\Gamma(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1)} < \frac{\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + 1)} < \frac{\pi^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}}{\Gamma(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1)} = \frac{\pi^{m+1}}{m!} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

□

3 Generalization to p -Norm unit balls

3.1 Definition. For any $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $R > 0$ we denote by

$$B_p^n(R) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\|_p \leq R\}$$

the n -dimensional ball with radius R respect to the p -norm. We denote by

$$B_p^n := B_p^n(1) \qquad V_p^n := \mu(B_p^n)$$

the Lebesgue measure of the unit ball.

3.2 Lemma. We can immediately establish the following relation: For any $R > 0$

$$B_p^n(R) = R^n \cdot B_p^n$$

Proof. Clearly the map $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $x \mapsto Rx$ is a diffeomorphism with functional determinant R^n . Since $T(B_p^n) = R^n B_p^n(R)$ the transformation theorem yields

$$B_p^n(R) = \int_{B_p^n(R)} 1 dx = \int_{T(B_p^n)} 1 dx = \int_{B_p^n} R^n dx = R^n B_p^n$$

□

3.3 Definition (Beta function). The function $B : \mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \int_0^1 t^{x-1}(1-t)^{y-1} dt$$

is *Eulers Beta function*.

3.4 Theorem. The beta function satisfies

$$B(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}$$

Proof. Applying the theorems of Tonelli and Fubini we obtain existence and equality of the following integrals:

$$\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1}e^{-t} dt \int_0^\infty s^{y-1}e^{-s} ds = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty t^{x-1}s^{y-1}e^{-(s+t)} ds dt$$

We apply the transformation theorem to the map $T : \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow \text{im } T$, $(s, t) \mapsto (s+t, t) =: (\sigma, \tau)$ wich is a diffeomorphism with $\det \nabla T(t, s) = 1$. So

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty t^{x-1}(s+t-t)^{y-1}e^{-(s+t)} dt ds = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\sigma \tau^{x-1}(\sigma-\tau)^{y-1}e^{-\sigma} d\tau d\sigma \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\sigma \left(\frac{\tau}{\sigma}\right)^{x-1} \sigma^{y-1+x-1} \left(1-\frac{\tau}{\sigma}\right)^{y-1} e^{-\sigma} d\tau d\sigma \end{aligned}$$

Again we apply transformation theorem to $S : \text{im } T \rightarrow \text{im } S$, $(\sigma, \tau) \mapsto \left(\frac{\tau}{\sigma}, \sigma\right) =: (u, v)$ with $\det \nabla S = \sigma^{-1}$:

$$= \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 u^{x-1}v^{x+y-1}(1-u)^{y-1}e^{-v} du dv = \int_0^\infty v^{x+y-1}e^{-v} dv \int_0^1 u^{x-1}(1-u)^{y-1} du$$

and the right hand expression is by definition equal to $\Gamma(x+y)B(x, y)$. □

3.5 Corrolary.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(t)^{2\alpha-1} \cos(t)^{2\beta-1} dt = \frac{1}{2}B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{2\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(t)^{2\alpha-1} \cos(t)^{2\beta-1} dt = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(t)^{2\alpha-1} \cos(t)^{2\beta-2} \cos(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(t)^{2\alpha-1} (1-\sin(t)^2)^{\beta-1} \cos(t) dt \mid \sin(t) = s \\ &= \int_0^1 s^{2\alpha-1} (1-s^2)^{\beta-1} ds = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (s^2)^{\alpha-1} (1-s^2)^{\beta-1} 2s ds \mid s^2 = u \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 u^{\alpha-1} (1-u)^{\beta-1} du = \frac{1}{2}B(\alpha, \beta) \end{aligned}$$

□

3.6 Theorem (Main Theorem).

$$V_p^n = \frac{\left(2\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{p}+1\right)\right)^n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{p}+1\right)}$$

Proof. This is a rather complex, but direct calculation. Applying Fubini's theorem and lemma 3.2 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
V_p^n &= \mu(B_p^n) = \int_{B_p^n} 1 dx = \int_{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \leq 1} 1 d(x_1 \dots x_n) = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |x_i|^p \leq 1 - |x_n|^p} d(x_1 \dots dx_{n-1}) dx_n \\
&= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{B_{n-1}^p((1-|x_n|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}})} d(x_1 \dots dx_{n-1}) dx_n \stackrel{3.2}{=} \int_{-1}^1 (1 - |x_n|^p)^{\frac{n-1}{p}} dx_n \cdot V_p^{n-1} \\
&\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{4}{p} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(u)^{2\frac{n-1}{p}+1} \sin(u)^{\frac{2}{p}-1} du \cdot V_p^{n-1} \stackrel{3.5}{=} \frac{4}{p} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+p-1}{p})\Gamma(\frac{1}{p})}{2\Gamma(\frac{n}{p}+1)} \cdot V_p^{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

The step (*) follows from:

$$\begin{aligned}
I &:= \frac{4}{p} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(u)^{2\frac{n-1}{p}+1} \sin(u)^{\frac{2}{p}-1} du = \frac{4}{p} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(u)^{2\frac{n-1}{p}} \sin(u)^{\frac{2}{p}-1} \cos(u) du \\
&= \frac{4}{p} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 - \sin(u)^2)^{\frac{n-1}{p}} \sin(u)^{\frac{2}{p}-1} \cos(u) du \mid \sin(u) = s \\
&= \frac{4}{p} \int_0^1 (1 - s^2)^{\frac{n-1}{p}} s^{\frac{2}{p}-1} ds = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^1 (1 - s^2)^{\frac{n-1}{p}} (s^2)^{\frac{1}{p}-1} 2s ds \mid s^2 = t \\
&= \frac{2}{p} \int_0^1 (1 - t)^{\frac{n-1}{p}} t^{\frac{1}{p}-1} dt = 2 \int_0^1 (1 - t)^{\frac{n-1}{p}} \left(\frac{1}{p} t^{\frac{1}{p}-1}\right) dt = 2 \int_0^1 \left(1 - \left(t^{\frac{1}{p}}\right)^p\right)^{\frac{n-1}{p}} \left(t^{\frac{1}{p}}\right)' ds \mid y = s^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
&= 2 \int_0^1 (1 - y^p)^{\frac{n-1}{p}} dy = \int_{-1}^1 (1 - |y|^p)^{\frac{n-1}{p}} dy
\end{aligned}$$

Alltogether we obtain the following recursion formula

$$V_p^n = \frac{2}{p} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+p-1}{p})\Gamma(\frac{1}{p})}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{p}+1)} \cdot V_p^{n-1}$$

This equation can now be employed to obtain the final result using telescope products (Notice that $V_1^p = 2$ for any p .):

$$\begin{aligned}
V_p^n &= \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{V_p^i}{V_p^{i-1}} V_p^1 = 2 \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{2}{p} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{i+p-1}{p}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{i}{p}+1\right)} = \frac{2^n}{p^{n-1}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{n-1} \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{i-1}{p}+1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{i}{p}+1\right)} \\
&= \frac{2^n}{p^{n-1}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{p}+1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{p}+1\right)} = \frac{2^n \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{n-1} \frac{1}{p} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{p}+1\right)} \\
&= \frac{\left(2^{\frac{1}{p}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)\right)^n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{p}+1\right)} = \frac{\left(2\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{p}+1\right)\right)^n}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{p}+1\right)}
\end{aligned}$$

□

3.7 Corollary (Asymptotics). For any $1 \leq p < \infty$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V_p^n = 0$$

Proof. This follows from lemma 1.3 or as in the proof of 2.4. □

The case $p = \infty$ is much easier: In that case $B_\infty^n = [-1, 1]^n$, so by definition of the lebesgue measure

$$V_\infty^n = 2^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

4 Appendix: Polar Coordinates

4.1 Definition (Polar Coordinate Map). For each integer $n \geq 2$ the map $P_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ which is recursively defined as follows, is the *polar coordinate map*:

$$P_2(r, \varphi) := \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(\varphi) \\ r \sin(\varphi) \end{pmatrix} \quad P_{n+1}(r, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}) := \begin{pmatrix} P_n(r, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}) \cos(\varphi_n) \\ r \sin(\varphi_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

4.2 Theorem (Functional Determinant). For each n $P_n \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$\det(\nabla P_n(r, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1})) = r^{n-1} \prod_{k=2}^{n-1} \cos(\varphi_k)^{k-1}$$

Proof. We proof this theorem by induction. The smoothness claim follows directly from the definition. In the following we drop the arguments of P_n in notation, i.e. we write $P_n = P_n(r, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1})$. For $n = 2$ we have

$$\nabla P_2(r, \varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi) & -r \sin(\varphi) \\ \sin(\varphi) & r \cos(\varphi) \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(\nabla P_2(r, \varphi)) = r \cos(\varphi)^2 + r \sin(\varphi)^2 = r$$

For $n \rightarrow n + 1$ we denote the jacobian of P_{n+1} as a system of columns

$$\nabla P_{n+1} = (\partial_r P_{n+1}, \dots, \partial_{\varphi_\nu} P_{n+1}, \dots, \partial_{\varphi_n} P_{n+1})$$

which can be expressed as follows:

$$\partial_r P_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_r P_n \cdot \cos(\varphi_n) \\ \sin(\varphi_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

For $1 \leq \nu \leq n - 1$:

$$\partial_{\varphi_\nu} P_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{\varphi_\nu} P_n \cdot \cos(\varphi_n) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\partial_{\varphi_n} P_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} -P_n \cdot \sin(\varphi_n) \\ r \cos(\varphi_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

Alltogether we obtain

$$\det(\nabla P_{n+1}) = \begin{vmatrix} \partial_r P_n \cos(\varphi_n) & \dots & \partial_{\varphi_\nu} P_n \cos(\varphi_n) & \dots & -P_n \sin(\varphi_n) \\ \sin(\varphi_n) & & 0 & & r \cos(\varphi_n) \end{vmatrix}$$

First we want to proof the following recursion formula

$$\det \nabla P_{n+1} = r \cos(\varphi_n)^{n-1} \det(\nabla P_n)$$

By the representation above clearly this holds, if $\cos(\varphi_n) = 0$. If $\cos(\varphi_n) \neq 0$, we add $(r \sin(\varphi_n) \cos(\varphi_n)^{-1})$ times the first column to the third and obtain at the top rows:

$$-P_n \sin(\varphi_n) + r \sin(\varphi_n) \cos(\varphi_n)^{-1} \partial_r P_n \cos(\varphi_n) = -P_n \sin(\varphi_n) + \sin(\varphi_n) r \partial_r P_n = 0$$

The last equality follows since $r \partial_r P_n = P_n$. This can be seen by induction directly from the definitions. In the last row we have

$$r \cos(\varphi_n) + r \sin(\varphi_n) \cos(\varphi_n)^{-1} \sin(\varphi_n) = r \cos(\varphi_n)^{-1} (\cos(\varphi_n)^2 + \sin(\varphi_n)^2) = r \cos(\varphi_n)^{-1}$$

So altogether

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\nabla P_{n+1}) &= \begin{vmatrix} \partial_r P_n \cos(\varphi_n) & \dots & \partial_{\varphi_\nu} P_n \cos(\varphi_n) \dots & 0 \\ \sin(\varphi_n) & & 0 & r \cos(\varphi_n)^{-1} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= r \cos(\varphi_n)^{-1} \cos(\varphi_n)^n \det(\nabla P_n) \end{aligned}$$

where we have expanded the determinant into the last row. This proves the recursion formula which implies the explicit formula. \square

Certainly the map $P_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is not a global diffeomorphism. We have to restrict properly in order to use it for transformation theorems.

4.3 Theorem. For any interval $I \subseteq [0, \infty[$ and any integer n we define

$$K(I) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\|_2 \in I\}$$

Define furthermore

$$\Pi :=]-\pi, \pi[\times]-\pi/2, \pi/2[^{n-2} \quad S := \{(x_1, 0) \mid x_1 \in \mathbb{R}, x_1 \leq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \mathbb{R}_0^{n-2} := \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n-2}, 0, 0)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then

$$P_n : I \times \Pi \rightarrow K(I) \setminus (S \times \mathbb{R}_0^{n-2})$$

is a diffeomorphism. For $n = 2$ this is to be interpreted as $\Pi =]-\pi, \pi[$, $S \times \mathbb{R}_0^{n-2} = S$.

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