

Def  $(M, g)$  is geodesically complete if all geodesics in  $M$  are defined for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Ex  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is geodesically complete.  $\mathbb{R}^n - U$  for  $U$  nonempty is not geodesically complete.

Thm (Hopf-Rinow)  $(M, g)$  is geodesically complete  $\iff (M, d)$  is complete metric space.

Pf ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Say  $(M, d)$  complete but  $(M, g)$  geod. incomplete.

Fix a geodesic  $\gamma$  which ends at time  $t_*$ .

Then take a sequence  $t_n \rightarrow t_*$ .  $\{\gamma(t_n)\}$  is Cauchy sequence, since  $\gamma(t_n)$  so converges to some  $p$ .

But then look at a uniformly normal  $\delta$ -neighborhood  $W$  of  $p$ .

$W$  contains some  $\gamma(t_n)$  with  $t_n > t_* - \frac{\delta}{2}$ . Then look at geodesic beginning from  $t_n$  w/ speed  $\dot{\gamma}(t_n)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  can extend  $\gamma$  to at least  $t_* + \delta > t_* + \frac{\delta}{2}$ . ~~XXX~~

( $\Leftarrow$ ) First show if  $T_p M \subset D$ , i.e. exp is defined on all of  $T_p M$ , then

$\forall q, \exists$  length-minimizing geodesic from  $p$  to  $q$ .

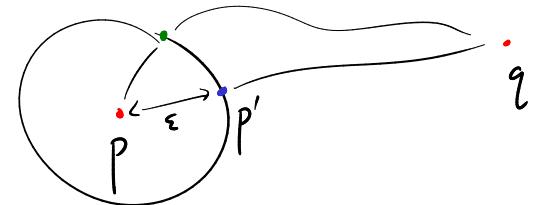
Take a geodesic  $\varepsilon$ -sphere  $S_\varepsilon(p)$ . Let  $p'$  be a point of  $S_\varepsilon(p)$  minimizing  $d(p', q)$ .

Let  $\gamma$  be the radial geodesic from  $p$  to  $p'$ , extended for all time.

Now, define  $T = \sup\{t : \gamma|_{[0,t]} \text{ is length-minimizing and has } d(p, \gamma(t)) + d(\gamma(t), q) = d(p, q)\}$

First, show  $T \geq \varepsilon$ . Indeed  $d(p, q) = d(p, p') + \varepsilon$ , and  $\gamma|_{[0, \varepsilon]}$  is radial  $\Rightarrow$  it's length-min.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} d(p, q) \leq d(p, p') + \varepsilon \quad \Delta \text{ neg.} \\ d(p, q) \geq d(p, p') + \varepsilon \quad \text{b/c any path from } p \text{ to } q \\ \text{takes } \geq \varepsilon \text{ to reach } S_\varepsilon(p) \\ \text{and from there it takes } \geq d(p, p'). \end{array} \right]$$



Next, show  $T$  is actually attained i.e. can replace "sup" by "max" in def of  $T$ . This just uses continuity of  $d$ .

Next, suppose  $T < d(p, q)$ . Let  $p' = \gamma(T)$ .

Let  $q'$  be a minimizer of  $d(q', q)$  on a geodesic sphere  $S_\varepsilon(p')$ .



Then, by same argument as before,  $d(q, q') + \varepsilon = d(p, q)$

but also  $d(p, p') + d(p', q) = d(p, q)$  by def of  $T$ .

Combine these  $\Rightarrow d(p, q) - d(q, q') = d(p, p') + \varepsilon$ .

Then,  $\Delta$  ineq  $\Rightarrow d(p, q') \geq d(p, p') + \varepsilon$ .

Now let  $\tau$  be the radial geodesic from  $p'$  to  $q'$ .

The concat.  $\gamma|_{[0, T]}$  has length  $= d(p, p') + \varepsilon$ .

Thus,  $\gamma|_{[0, T]} \tau$  minimizes distance from  $p$  to  $q'$ !



Thus, (using variation formula)  $\gamma|_{[0, T]} \tau$  cannot have a corner, so  $\gamma|_{[0, T]} \tau$  is a geodesic, i.e. coincides with

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma|_{[0, T+\varepsilon]} & . \text{ But } d(p, q) = d(p, p') + d(p', q) \\ & = d(p, p') + (d(q', q) + \varepsilon) \\ & = (d(p, p') + \varepsilon) + d(q', q) = d(p, q) + d(q', q) \end{aligned}$$

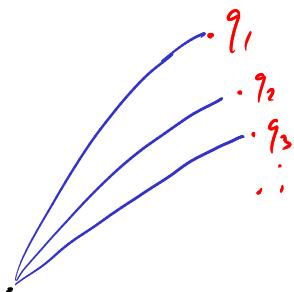
This contradicts maximality of  $T$ .  $\times$

So  $T \geq d(p, q)$ . But then  $\gamma|_{[0, d(p, q)]}$  is the desired length-min. geodesic from  $p$  to  $q$ .

Now, suppose  $\{q_n\}$  Cauchy sequence in  $M$ .

Take minimizing geodesics from  $p$  which end at  $q_n$ ,

$$q_n = \exp(t_n v_n), \quad \|v_n\|=1.$$



$t_n = d(p, q_n)$ , so  $\{t_n\}$  is bdd, so  $\{t_n v_n\}$  is bdd, so  $\{t_n v_n\}$  has convergent subseq,

$t_n v_n \rightarrow v$ . Then  $q_n \rightarrow \exp(v)$  since  $\exp$  is cts.

But then since  $\{q_n\}$  is Cauchy,  $q_n \rightarrow \exp(v)$ .