

Topology of projective spaces

Define the real projective space

$$\mathbb{R}P^n := (\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \sim$$

where $u \sim v \iff u = \lambda v$ for some nonzero $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Define the Grassmannian $\text{Gr}_k(V)$ as the space of k -dimensional linear subspaces of V .