

# Topology of orbifolds II

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- Atlases form a partially ordered set. It has a maximal element.
- Given an atlas, there is a unique maximal atlas containing it.
- An orbifold is  $X$  with a maximal orbifold atlas.
- One can obtain an atlas of linear charts only: that is, charts where  $\tilde{U}$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $G \subset O(n)$ . That is, for each point, one can find a subgroup  $G_x$  stabilizing the point and suitable  $G_x$ -invariant neighborhood in  $\tilde{U}$ . Then  $G_x$  acts linearly up to a choice of coordinate charts since smooth action is locally smooth (linear).

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