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$$\mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$$

Definition.

$$\mathcal{C}^\infty(U) := \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ is smooth}\}$$

- *addition* $+ : \mathcal{C}^\infty(M) \times \mathcal{C}^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$

$$(f + g)(p) := f(p) + g(p)$$

- *multiplication* $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M) \times \mathcal{C}^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$

$$(fg)(p) := f(p)g(p)$$

$(\mathcal{C}^\infty(M), +, \cdot)$ is a commutative ring.

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