

The proposition from last lecture (p. 13.5) generalizes to the following:

Regular Value Thm, version 1: Let  $f: (U^{\text{open}} \subset \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be smooth.

Then the inverse image of any regular value is either empty, or a submfd of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of codimension  $m$ .

Pf (Sketch) Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  be a reg. value of  $f$ . By replacing  $f$  with  $f - c$ , may assume  $c = 0$ . If  $f^{-1}(0)$  empty, have  
 $\mathbb{R}^m$

nothing to prove, so assume nonempty.

Let  $p \in f^{-1}(0)$ . Then

$$Df|_p \text{ surjective} \Rightarrow \text{rank}(J_f(p)) = m$$

$\Rightarrow$  some set of  $m$  columns of  $J_f(p)$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

~~WLOG, assume~~ (Note that since  $p$  is a reg. value, we are automatically assuming  $n \geq m$ .) WLOG, assume the last  $m$  columns of  $J_f(p)$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Then

$$J_f(p) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} * & * \end{array} \right) \begin{matrix} \updownarrow m \\ \end{matrix}$$

$\xleftarrow{n-m} \quad \xleftarrow{m}$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$   
 last  $m$  columns form an invertible  $m \times m$  matrix.

Write  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as  $\mathbb{R}^{n-m} \times \mathbb{R}^m$  (omit 1st factor if  $n=m$ ).  
 $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  "  $(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ .

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Define  $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$\varphi(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = (\vec{x}, f(\vec{x}, \vec{y})).$$

The rest of pf. is left as an exercise. (Proceed analogously to pf of  $m=1$  case given in lecture 13.)

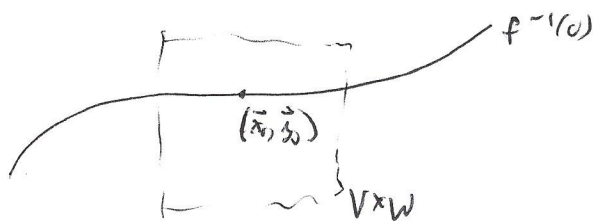
Alternative pf: Proceed as in 1st pf, up to bottom of previous page.

The invertibility of the right-hand  $m \times m$  block in  $J_f(p)$  implies that  $(D^{[2]}f)|_p: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is an isomorphism (where notation " $D^{[2]}f$ " is as in Implicit Fcn Thm). Write  $p$  as  $(\vec{x}_0, \vec{y}_0)$ .

$\begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^{n-m} & \mathbb{R}^m \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \mathbb{R}^{n-m} & \mathbb{R}^m \end{matrix}$

By Implicit Fcn Thm,  $\exists$  open nbhds  $V$  of  $\vec{x}_0$ ,  $W$  of  $\vec{y}_0$ ,  
and a smooth map  $g: V \rightarrow W$ ,  
s.t. for all  $(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \in V \times W$ ,

$$f(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = 0 \iff \vec{y} = g(\vec{x})$$



Thus  $f^{-1}(0) \cap (V \times W) = \text{graph of } g$ . Since  $g$  smooth, its graph is a submfd of  $\underbrace{V \times W}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$  of dimension  $n-m$ , hence of codimension  $m$ .

(See lecture 13 notes.) Since  $p$  was arb. elt. of  $f^{-1}(0)$ , it follows that  $f^{-1}(0)$  is a submfd of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of codim.  $m$ .  
(See p. 13.1.)

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Remark: The Implicit Fun. Thm is really what's at the heart of the Reg. Value Thm. ~~What~~ The level-set  $f^{-1}(c)$  is the sol'n-set of

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f^1(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) &= c^1 \\ f^2(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) &= c^2 \\ &\vdots \\ f^m(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) &= c^m \end{aligned} \right\} (*)$$

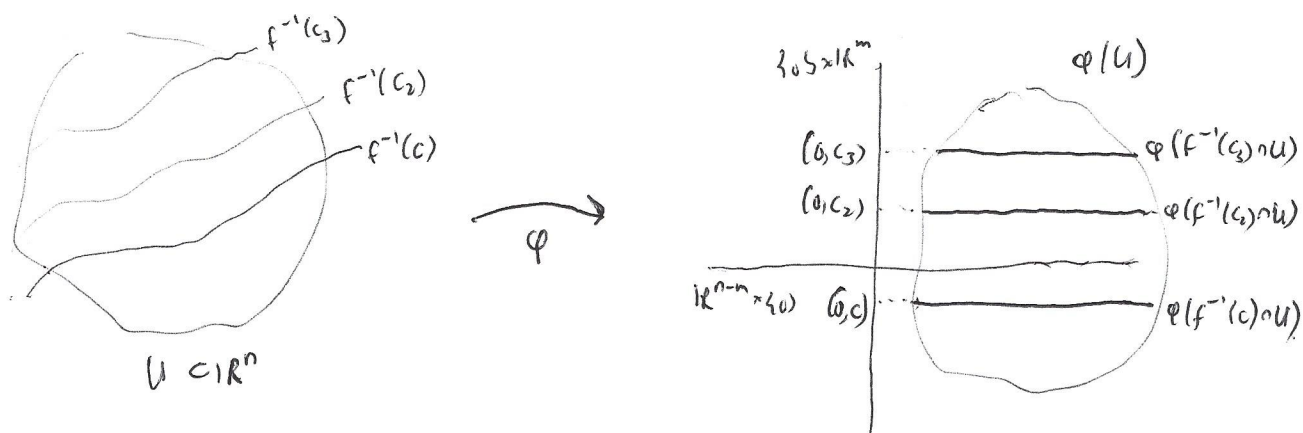
where  $f = \begin{pmatrix} f^1 \\ \vdots \\ f^m \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $c = \begin{pmatrix} c^1 \\ \vdots \\ c^m \end{pmatrix}$ . The ~~Implicit Fun. Thm~~ essentially says that each of the  $m$  scalar eqs. in  $(*)$  knocks out one degree of freedom from ~~a~~ small enough  $n$ -dim'l open nbhd of  $p$  (assuming  $p$  is not a crit. pt.), leaving a "smooth  $(n-m)$ -dim'l set" as the sol'n set.

The first proof, using the Inverse Function Thm, is still worthwhile; it leads to a nice picture (given shortly). First note that the condition " $p$  is not a crit. pt. of  $f$ " is an open condition on  $p$ : if the  $m \times m$  submatrix of  $J_f(p)$  used in pf is invertible, then the  $m \times m$  submatrix of  $J_f(\tilde{p})$  ~~is~~ formed by the same columns is ~~also~~ invertible for all  $\tilde{p}$  suff. close to  $p$ . Hence, if  $c$  is a reg. value of  $f$ , and  $p \in f^{-1}(c)$ , and  $U$  is a nbhd of  $p$  s.t. the map  $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  in 1st proof is a diffeo. onto its image, then  $f^{-1}(c') \cap U$  is a ~~an~~ codim- $m$  subnd of  $U$  for all  $c'$  suff. close to  $c$ .

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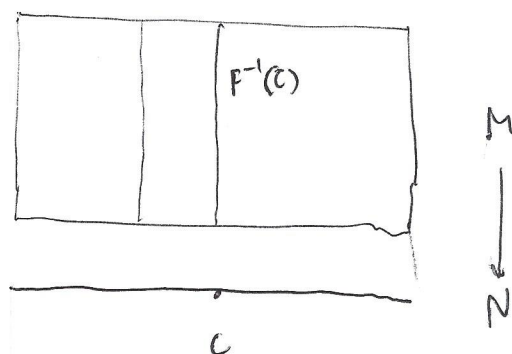
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Thus, a picture of  $\varphi|_U$  is



So  $\varphi$  "straightens out" the coord. system on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (near  $f$ ), in such a way that level-sets of  $f$  correspond to level-sets of the projection  $\mathbb{R}^{n-m} \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .

In the picture above, the (images of) these level sets of  $f$  were depicted horizontally, to match what was given by our ordering of variables in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Customarily, given a map of mfd's  $F: M \rightarrow N$ , level-sets of  $F$  are drawn vertically, instead of horizontally:



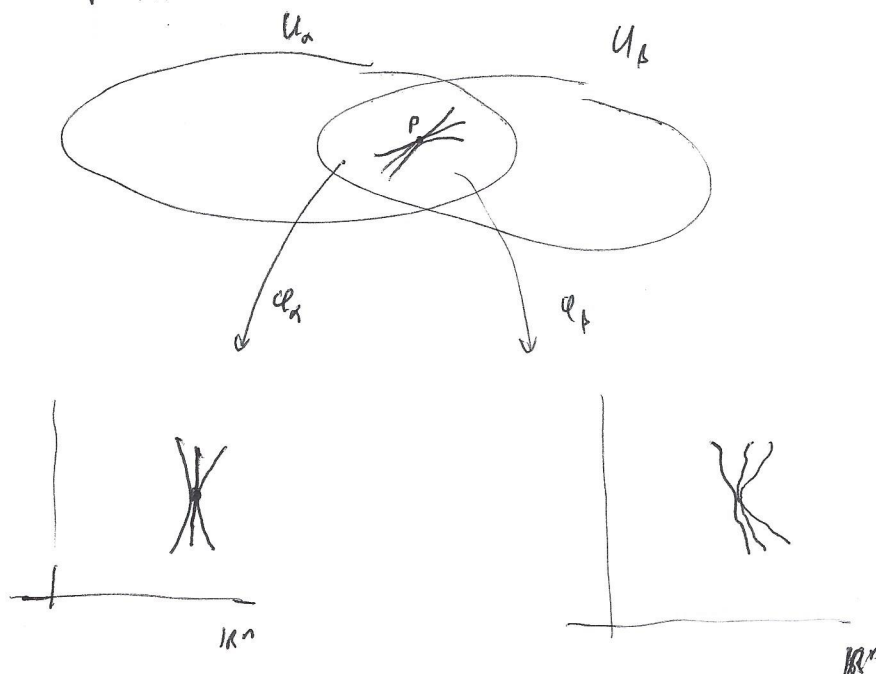
The sets  $F^{-1}(c)$  are called fibers of the map  $F$ .

## Tangent spaces

Def: Let  $M$  be a manifold. A (smooth) (parametrized) curve based at  $p \in M$  is a smooth map  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$ , where  $I$  is an open interval containing 0, and  $\gamma(0) = p$ .

As noted before, the image of  $\gamma$  can be a "non-smooth object", or even just a point. (But usually we depict curves as "geometrically smooth" images.)

Fix  $p \in M$ . We have an intuitive notion of tangency of curves based at  $p \in M$ .



Idea is that  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  based at  $p \in M$  should be called tangent if  $\phi \circ \gamma_1, \phi \circ \gamma_2$  are tangent to each other at  $\phi(p) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for some, maybe any, chart  $(U, \phi)$  containing  $\text{img}(\gamma_1), \text{img}(\gamma_2)$ . But remember that  $\phi \circ \gamma_i$  need not be a geometrically smooth object, so our intuitive notion of tangency needs some adjustment.

First, make notion of tangency precise for curves in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Def: Two curves  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  based at  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are tangent at  $p$  if  $\gamma_1'(0) = \gamma_2'(0)$ , where  $\gamma'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \gamma(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .  
 $= D\gamma|_t(1).$

Note difference between this and the "geometric" notion of tangency, which would require only  $\gamma_1'(0) \propto \gamma_2'(0)$ , but would require both ~~not to be zero~~  $\gamma_1'(0), \gamma_2'(0)$  to be non zero.

Write  $\gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2$  if  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  tangent at  $p$ .

Clearly " $\sim$ " is an equiv. rel'n. Denote equiv. class of  $\gamma$  by  $[\gamma]$ .

Def: A tangent vector at  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is an equivalence class  $[\gamma]$  under the relation above. The tangent space of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  at  $p$ , as a set, is the set of all tangent vectors at  $p$ .

To transfer these notions to manifold  $M$ , let  $p \in M$ , and let  $(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)$  be a chart with  $p \in U_\alpha$ . Let  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  be two curves based at  $p$ . Note that " $(\varphi_\alpha \circ \gamma_i)'(0)$ " makes sense whether or not  $\text{img}(\gamma_i) \subset U_\alpha$ , since  $\gamma_i(t) \in U_\alpha$  for  $|t|$  sufficiently small. Write

$$\gamma_1 \sim_\alpha \gamma_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad (\varphi_\alpha \circ \gamma_1)'(0) = (\varphi_\alpha \circ \gamma_2)'(0);$$

obviously  $\sim_\alpha$  is an equiv. rel'n. If  $(U_\beta, \varphi_\beta)$  is another chart with  $p \in U_\beta$ , and  $\gamma_1 \sim_\alpha \gamma_2$ , do we have  $\gamma_1 \sim_\beta \gamma_2$ ?

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Yes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\varphi_p \circ \gamma_1)'(0) &= (\varphi_p \circ \varphi_a^{-1} \circ \varphi_a \circ \gamma_1)'(0) \\
 &= \underbrace{J_{\varphi_p \circ \varphi_a^{-1}}(\varphi_a(p))}_{\substack{n \times n \text{ matrix,} \\ \text{where} \\ n = \dim(M)}} \underbrace{(\varphi_a \circ \gamma_1)'(0)}_{\substack{\text{column vector} \\ \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= J_{\varphi_p \circ \varphi_a^{-1}}(\varphi_a(p)) (\varphi_a \circ \gamma_2)'(0)$$

$$= (\varphi_p \circ \gamma_2)'(0) \quad \hookrightarrow \text{reversing above steps.}$$

Thus,  $\gamma_1 \sim_a \gamma_2 \Leftrightarrow \gamma_1 \sim_p \gamma_2$ . So we may simply write " $\gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2$ " if  $\gamma_1 \sim_a \gamma_2$  for some chart  $(U_a, \varphi_a)$  containing  $p$ ; the equiv. rel'n is indep. of choice of chart.

Def: Let  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  be curves based at  $p \in M$ . Define  $\gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2$  if  $\gamma_1 \sim_a \gamma_2$  for some (hence any) chart  $(U_a, \varphi_a)$  with  $p \in U_a$ .

(As seen above,  $\sim$  is an equiv. rel'n on the set of curves based at  $p$ .) Write equiv. class of  $\gamma$  as  $[\gamma]$ .

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Def: The tangent space of  $M$  at  $p$ , as a set, is

$$T_p M = \{\text{curves based at } p\} / \sim$$

# Vector-space structure in $T_p M$

~~Fix  $q \in \mathbb{R}^n$~~  Fix  $q \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . For each  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define a curve  $\gamma_v$  based at  $q$  by

$$\gamma_v(t) = q + tv, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(The notation  $\gamma_v$  is temporary.) ~~Observe~~ Observe that  $\gamma_v$  is simply a parametrized straight line through  $q$ , and that  $\gamma_v'(0) = v$ .

Since  $\gamma_v'(0) = v$ , the map

$$\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_q \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$v \mapsto [\gamma_v]$$

is a bijection. We use this bijection to endow  $T_q \mathbb{R}^n$  with a vector-space structure:

$$[\gamma_v] + [\gamma_w] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\gamma_{v+w}], \quad v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$c[\gamma_v] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\gamma_{cv}], \quad c \in \mathbb{R}, v \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Observe that  $[\gamma_0]$  is the zero-elt. of  $T_q \mathbb{R}^n$ .  
 $\begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{zero-elt.} \\ \text{of } \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$

(I.e. the constant curve is a representative of the zero-elt. of  $T_q \mathbb{R}^n$ .)

We now attempt to transfer this vector-space structure to  $T_p M$  ( $M$  a manifold).

(To be continued next lecture.)