

SARD'S THM

Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ open, $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ smooth

$C = \{x \mid \text{rank } Df_x < p\}$ = critical points of f , then $f(C)$ has measure 0 in \mathbb{R}^p .

The case where $n \leq p$ is easy, but we'll do it hard way anyway.

PROOF/ By induction on n .

If $n=0$, then U is a point, so trivial.

Proof in 3 steps

Divide C into subsets by how many derivatives vanish.

Example:

In $n=1, p=1$

$$f(x) = x^4(x-1)^3(x-2)^2$$

$$C = \{0,1,2\}$$

$\{0,1,2\} = C_1$ = points where $f' = 0$.

$\{0,1\} = C_2$ = points where $f' = 0, f'' = 0$.

$\{0\} = C_3$ = points where $f' = 0, f'' = 0, f''' = 0$

$$C \supset C_1 \supset C_2 \supset C_3 \supset \dots$$

$$C_1 = \{x \mid Df_x = 0\}$$

$$C_k = \{x \mid \text{all partials to order } k = 0\}$$

STEP 1: Show that $f(C - C_1)$ has measure 0;

STEP 2: Show that $f(C_i - C_{i+1})$ has measure 0;

STEP 3: Show that $meas(f(C_k))= 0$ for k large.

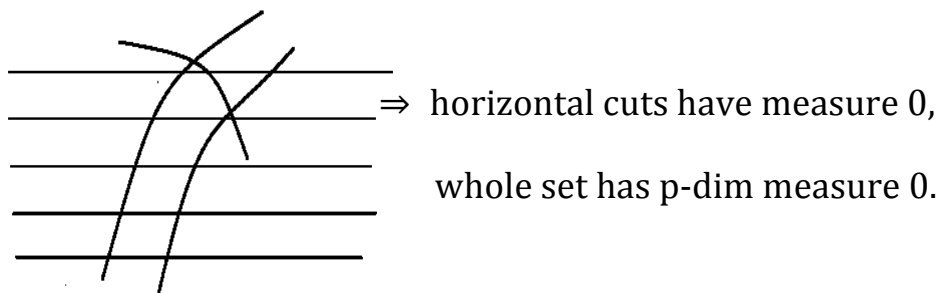
1. Going from $C_1 \rightarrow C$ doesn't add measure to critical values;
2. $C_k \rightarrow C_{k+1}$ doesn't lose measure to critical values;
3. For k big ($k > n/p - 1$), $meas(f(C_k)) = 0$.

Colloquial SART THM: If f wiggles too much, it ain't smooth.

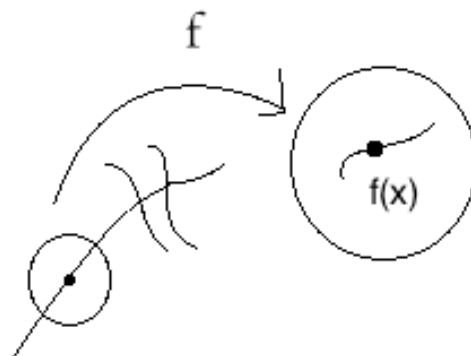
PF/ assume $p \geq 2$ (since if $p=1$, $C = C_1$)

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If $A \subset R^p$ has measure 0, if on every hyperplane $\{C\} \times R^{p-1}$, the intersection $A \cap \{C\} \times R^{p-1}$ has $p-1$ dim measure 0.



For each point \bar{x} in $C - C_1$, we want to find $V \subset R^n$ open, $\bar{x} \in V$, so that $f(V \cap C)$ has measure 0, countably many such V does the trick.



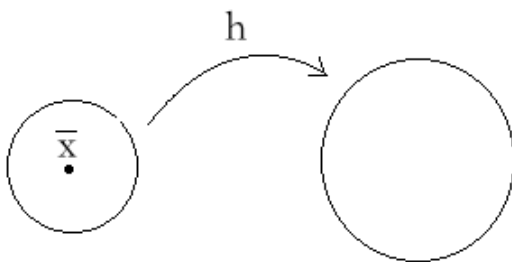
Since $\bar{x} \in C - C_1$, $\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \neq 0$ at \bar{x} .

WLOG: $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} \neq 0$ at \bar{x} . (It doesn't have to be x_1 , but we can choose x_1 .)

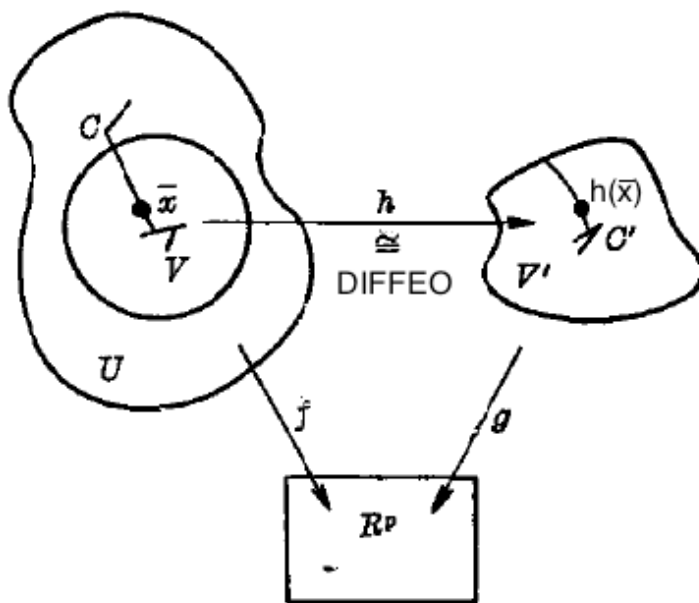
Let $h: U \rightarrow R^n$.

$$h(x) = (f_1(x_1), x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n), \quad \text{so } dh_{\bar{x}} \text{ is nonsingular.}$$

$h: V_{\bar{x}} \rightarrow V'$



\bar{x} near C
or in C
or whatever



Take the whole
neighborhood
onto the neighborhood.