

## C. Inverse Function Theorem.

### 1. Lemma. (Open Mapping Theorem, Thm.

10.4.2). Suppose  $f \in C^1(D, \mathbb{E}^n)$  where  $D \subseteq \mathbb{E}^n$  is open. If  $\det(f'(x)) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in D$ , then  $f$  is an open mapping, that is,  $f$  maps open subsets of  $D$  to open subsets of  $\mathbb{E}^n$ .

Last time we showed that if  $f \in C^1(D, \mathbb{E}^n)$ ,  $D \subseteq \mathbb{E}^n$  open then if  $\det(f'(x)) \neq 0$  on  $D$  then  $f$  is locally 1-1 on  $D$ . We also know from earlier: Suppose  $g: S \subseteq \mathbb{E}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^m$ ,  $S$  compact,  $g \in C(S)$ . Then if  $g$  is 1-1 on  $S$  then  $g^{-1}$  is continuous on  $g(S)$  (i.e.  $g$  is an open mapping).

Let  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq D$  be open. We want to show  $f(\mathcal{O})$  is also open. Let  $\vec{y} \in f(\mathcal{O})$ .



Then there is an  $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{O}$  such that  $\vec{y} = f(\vec{x})$ .  
By assumption on  $f'(\vec{x})$  we know  $f$  is locally 1-1 on  $D$ . Hence for some  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $f$  is 1-1 on  $B(\vec{x}, \epsilon)$ . But  $B(\vec{x}, \epsilon)$  is not compact and  $f$

need not be 1-1 on  $\overline{B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon)}$  which is compact.  
But  $f$  is 1-1 on  $\overline{B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon/2)}$  which is compact.  
Also,  $B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon/2)$  is relatively open in  $\overline{B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon/2)}$ , hence  
 $f(B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon/2))$  is open in  $\mathbb{E}^n$ . Since  $f(\vec{x}) = \vec{y}$ ,  $\vec{y} \in f(B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon/2))$ .  
Therefore there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B(\vec{y}, \delta) \subseteq$   
 $f(B(\vec{x}, \varepsilon/2)) \subseteq f(\mathcal{O})$ . Hence  $f(\mathcal{O})$  is open.

2. Theorem (10.4.3). Suppose  $f \in C^1(D, \mathbb{E}^n)$  where  $D \subseteq \mathbb{E}^n$  is open. If  $\det(f'(x)) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in D$ , and if  $f$  is globally one-to-one on  $D$ , then  $f^{-1} \in C^1(f(D), \mathbb{E}^n)$  and

$$(f^{-1})'(f(x)) = (f'(x))^{-1} \quad f(D)$$

First of all, if  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable on  $f(D)$  then  $f \circ f^{-1} = \text{id}$ . By Chain Rule  $(f \circ f^{-1})'(\vec{y}) = f'(f^{-1}(\vec{y})) (f^{-1})'(\vec{y}) = \text{id}$ , so for  $\vec{y} \in f(D)$ .

$(f^{-1})'(\vec{y}) = [f'(f^{-1}(\vec{y}))]^{-1}$ . Letting  $f(\vec{x}) = \vec{y}$  we have  $(f^{-1})'(f(\vec{x})) = f'(\vec{x})^{-1}$ . Also since  $\det(f'(\vec{x})) \neq 0$  on  $D$ ,  $[f'(\vec{x})]^{-1}$  is continuous on  $D$ . Therefore  $f^{-1} \in C^1(f(D), \mathbb{E}^n)$ .

It remains to show that  $(f^{-1})'$  exists at each  $\vec{y} \in f(D)$ . Let  $\vec{y}_0 \in f(D)$  and let  $\vec{x}_0 \in D$  satisfy  $f(\vec{x}_0) = \vec{y}_0$ . Note that  $\vec{x}_0$  is unique since  $f$  is globally 1-1 on  $D$ . We need to show that

$\|f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{h}) - f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0) - [f'(f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0))]^{-1} \vec{h}\| \rightarrow 0$  faster than  $\vec{h}$ . Note that

$\|f'(f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0))^{-1} [f'(f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)) (f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{h}) - f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)) - \vec{h}]\|$   
 Let us write  $f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0) = \vec{x}_0$  for simplicity and  $f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{h}) = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}$  where  $\vec{s} = f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{h}) - f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)$ .

So  $f'(f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)) [f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{h}) - f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)] - \vec{h}$  becomes

$$f'(\vec{x}_0) \vec{s} - \vec{h} = f'(\vec{x}_0) \vec{s} - (f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) - f(\vec{x}_0))$$

since  $\vec{h} = (\vec{y}_0 + \vec{h}) - \vec{y}_0 = f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) - f(\vec{x}_0)$ . Therefore

$$\frac{\|f'(f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0))^{-1} [f'(f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)) (f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{h}) - f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)) - \vec{h}]\|}{\|\vec{h}\|}$$

$$= \frac{\|f'(\vec{x}_0)^{-1} [f'(\vec{x}_0) \vec{s} - f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) + f(\vec{x}_0)]\|}{\|\vec{h}\|}$$

$$\leq \|f'(\vec{x}_0)^{-1}\| \frac{\|f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) - f(\vec{x}_0) - f'(\vec{x}_0) \vec{s}\|}{\|\vec{h}\|}$$

It will be enough to show that

$$\lim_{\vec{h} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) - f(\vec{x}_0) - f'(\vec{x}_0) \vec{s}\|}{\|\vec{h}\|} = 0.$$

Claim: There exist constants  $\alpha, r > 0$  such that if  $\|\vec{s}\| = \|f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{h}) - f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)\| < r$ , then  $\|\vec{h}\| \geq \alpha \|\vec{s}\| = \alpha \|f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{h}) - f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)\|$ .

Remarks: (1) Note that the claim can be rewritten as: if  $\|\vec{s}\| < r$  then  $\|f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) - f(\vec{x}_0)\| \geq \alpha \|\vec{s}\|$

(2) This is Theorem 10.4.1 in the book.

Assume that the Claim is true and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .  
 Since  $f'(\vec{x}_0)$  exists we can choose  $\delta_1 > 0$  so that  
 if  $\|\vec{s}\| < \delta_1$ , then  $\frac{\|f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) - f(\vec{x}_0) - f'(\vec{x}_0)\vec{s}\|}{\|\vec{s}\|} < \alpha\varepsilon$

If in addition we take  $\|\vec{s}\| < r$  then since

$$\frac{\alpha}{\|\vec{u}\|} \leq \frac{1}{\|\vec{s}\|} \Rightarrow \frac{\|f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) - f(\vec{x}_0) - f'(\vec{x}_0)\vec{s}\|}{\|\vec{u}\|} \\
\leq \frac{\|f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) - f(\vec{x}_0) - f'(\vec{x}_0)\vec{s}\|}{\|\vec{s}\|} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right) < \varepsilon$$

Since  $\vec{s} = f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0 + \vec{u}) - f^{-1}(\vec{y}_0)$  and  $f^{-1}$  is continuous at  $\vec{y}_0$  we can choose  $\delta > 0$  so that if  $\|\vec{u}\| < \delta$  then  $\|\vec{s}\| < \min(\delta_1, r)$ . Hence if  $\|\vec{u}\| < \delta$  then

$$\frac{\|f(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{s}) - f(\vec{x}_0) - f'(\vec{x}_0)\vec{s}\|}{\|\vec{u}\|} < \varepsilon.$$

Finally we must prove the Claim.

Proof of Claim: Consider the function

$L: D \times D \times \dots \times D \subseteq \mathbb{E}^{n^2} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{E}^n, \mathbb{E}^n)$  given by

$$L(\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_n) = \left[ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(\vec{p}_i) \right]_{i,j=1}^n. \text{ Note that}$$

$L(\vec{x}_0, \vec{x}_0, \dots, \vec{x}_0) = f'(\vec{x}_0)$  is invertible and since  $f \in C^1(D, \mathbb{E}^n)$ , all of its partials are continuous so  $L$  is continuous on  $D \times \dots \times D$ . Since  $L(\vec{x}_0, \dots, \vec{x}_0)$  is invertible,  $L^{-1}$  exists and is continuous in some open set containing  $(\vec{x}_0, \dots, \vec{x}_0)$ . Therefore there is an  $r > 0$  and an  $M$  such that  $\|L(\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_n)^{-1}\|$  is bounded on  $\overline{B((\vec{x}_0, \dots, \vec{x}_0), r)}$

In other words,  $\|L(\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_n)^{-1}\| \leq M$  on  $\overline{B((\vec{x}_0, \dots, \vec{x}_0), r)}$

By the MVT, given  $\vec{x} \in B(\vec{x}_0, r)$ , there are vectors  $\vec{c}_1, \dots, \vec{c}_n$  also in  $B(\vec{x}_0, r)$  such that

$$f(\vec{x}_0) - f(\vec{x}) = L(\vec{c}_1, \dots, \vec{c}_n)(\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x}), \text{ or}$$

$$\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x} = L(\vec{c}_1, \dots, \vec{c}_n)^{-1}(f(\vec{x}_0) - f(\vec{x})). \text{ Hence}$$

$$\|\vec{x}_0 - \vec{x}\| \leq \|L(\vec{c}_1, \dots, \vec{c}_n)^{-1}\| \|f(\vec{x}_0) - f(\vec{x})\| \leq M \|f(\vec{x}_0) - f(\vec{x})\|$$

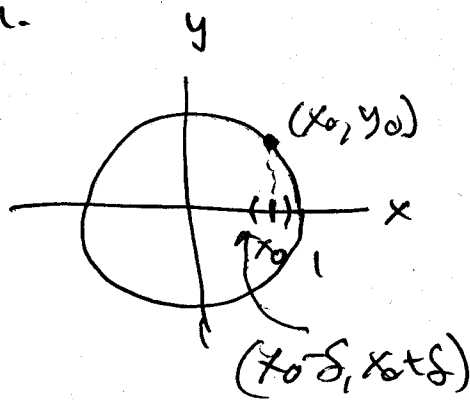
Letting  $\alpha = \frac{1}{M}$  gives the result.

# Implicit Function Theorem.

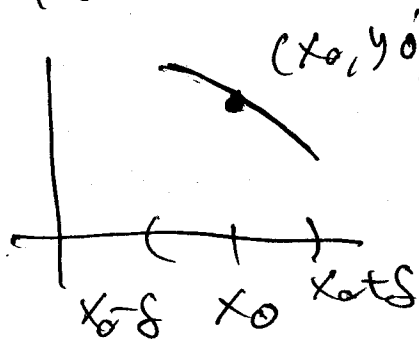
Example:  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Can we solve for  $y$  in terms of  $x$ ?  $y^2 = 1 - x^2$

$y = \pm \sqrt{1 - x^2}$  ?

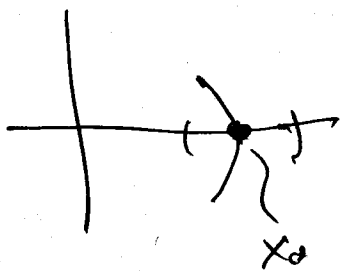


To understand this: Given  $(x_0, y_0)$  on curve we can find an open interval containing  $x_0$  such that on this interval there is a function  $g: (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x^2 + g(x)^2 = 1$ , i.e.  $y = g(x)$  satisfies  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Note that solution is valid only for  $x$  in the interval.



This works for all  $x_0 \in (-1, 1)$ .

If  $x_0 = 1$  then there's no such  $g(x)$ . Why?



Note that on no interval containing  $x_0$  can I find  $g(x)$

Derivative:

(a)  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Find slope of tangent line

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(1)$$

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

vertical tangent  
when  $y = 0$ .

When tangent non-vertical,  $g(x)$  exists.

(b) Suppose we have a curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  written as  $f(x, y) = 0$ . If we could solve for  $y$  we would have:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(0)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\partial f / \partial x}{\partial f / \partial y}$$

Non-vertical tangent  
when  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \neq 0$ .

We expect to solve for  $y$  if  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \neq 0$ . How?



Use inverse functions!

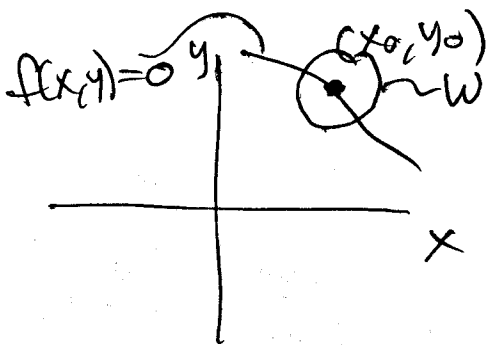
Define  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$F(x, y) = (x, f(x, y)).$$

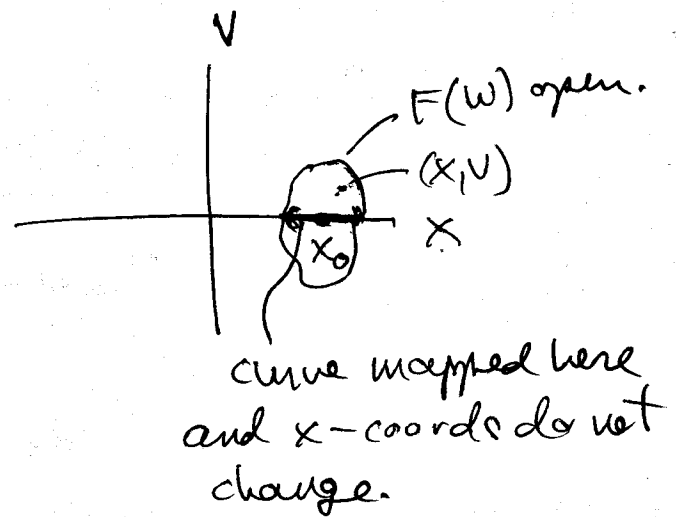
$$F'(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(F'(x, y)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \neq 0.$$

If  $f(x_0, y_0) = 0$ , i.e.  $(x_0, y_0)$  is on the curve and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \neq 0$  then  $F$  is locally 1-1, i.e. there is a ball  $W$  around  $(x_0, y_0)$  such that  $F^{-1} \in C^1(W, \mathbb{R}^2)$



$\xrightarrow{F}$



$F^{-1}: F(W) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  exists

$$F^{-1}(x, v) = (G_1(x, v), G_2(x, v))$$

$$F(F^{-1}(x, v)) = (x, v) = F(G_1(x, v), G_2(x, v)) \\ = (G_1(x, v), f(G_1(x, v), G_2(x, v)))$$

~~So~~ So  $G_1(x, v) = x$  and

$$v = f(x, G_2(x, v)), \text{ for all } (x, v) \in F(W).$$

Setting  $v = 0$  gives  $f(x, G_2(x, 0)) = 0$   
for all  $x$  such that  $(x, 0) \in F(W)$ , i.e.  
in some open interval around  $x_0$ .

Letting  $g(x) = G_2(x, 0)$ ,  $g$  is  $C^1$  on the  
interval around  $x_0$ .