

# Maps of constant rank

Idea

Smooth  
Maps  
 $F: M \rightarrow N$

linear  
approximation

Differentials  
on Tangent  
Spaces  
 $dF_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{F(p)} N$

rank

Geometric  
Properties  
 $\text{rank}(dF_p)$

For good local models, need  
constant rank  $dF_p$ ,  $p \in M$

- $dF_p$  surjective  $\forall p$ : submersion
- $dF_p$  injective  $\forall p$ : immersion
- immersion +  $\uparrow$  homeo onto image: embedding  
 $F$  is a

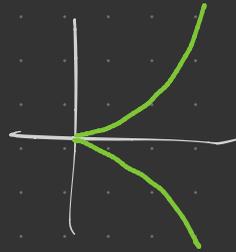


Given linear transformation  $L: V \rightarrow W$ , rank(L) :=  $\dim \text{im}(L)$

For smooth  $F: M \rightarrow N$  and  $p \in M$ , rank<sub>p</sub>(F) :=  $\text{rank } dF_p$

If  $p \mapsto \text{rank}_p F$  is constant, say  $F$  has constant rank and rank  $F := \text{rank}_p F$  (for some/any  $p \in M$ ).

E.g.  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $t \mapsto (t^2, t^3)$



$$dF_p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$
$$t \mapsto (2pt, 3p^2 t)$$

$$\text{rank}_p F = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } p = 0 \end{cases}$$

— not of constant rank

Note  $\text{rank}_p F \leq \min \{ \dim M, \dim N \}$

↳ say  $F$  has full rank at  $p$  when equal

Smooth submersion:  $\text{rank } F = \dim N$

Smooth immersion:  $\text{rank } F = \dim M$

Prop Suppose  $F: M \rightarrow N$  smooth,  $p \in M$ . If  $dF_p$  is surjective  
(injective) then  $\exists$  nbhd  $U$  of  $p$  s.t.  $F|_U$  is a submersion  
(immersion) Pf Sketch (full rank)  $\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is open

Q Examples of immersions, submersions, embeddings?

(1)  $\varepsilon: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$  imm + sub  embedding

(2)  $S^1 \times S^1 \xrightarrow{p_1} S^1$  submersion  
 $(z, w) \mapsto z$

(3)  $\mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  embedding

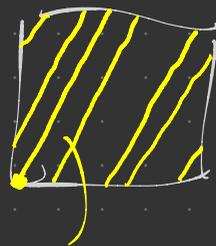
$S^1 \times S^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$\eta$

$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$



(5)



Imm  $\checkmark$

irrational  
slope

Q Embedding?

(4)  $\mathbb{R}P^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}P^{n+1}$

$[x] \mapsto [x, 0]$

TPS (immersion)  $\circ$  (immersion)  $\stackrel{?}{=} \text{immersion}$ ,  $\checkmark$

What about submersions? Maps of constant rank?  $\times$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto (0, y)$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto (x, 0)$$

$$\mathbb{R} \longrightarrow S^1 \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \searrow \cos & \downarrow \pi_1 \\ & & \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

not const rk

Inverse Function Thm  $M, N$  smooth mflds,  $F: M \rightarrow N$  smooth.

If  $p \in M$  has  $dF_p$  invertible, then  $\exists$  conn'd nbhds  $U_0$  of  $p$ ,

$V_0$  of  $F(p)$  s.t.  $F|_{U_0}: U_0 \rightarrow V_0$  is a diffeo.  $\square$

$F: M \rightarrow N$  smooth is a local diffeomorphism when  
 $\forall p \in M \exists$  nbhd  $U$  of  $p$  s.t.  $FU \subseteq N$  open and  $F|_U: U \rightarrow FU$   
is a diffeomorphism.

Prop (a)  $F$  is a local diffeo iff smooth imm & smooth sub.  
(b) If  $\dim M = \dim N$  &  $F$  is a smooth imm or sub  
then  $F$  is a local diffeo.

pf (a)  $\Rightarrow$ : Given  $p \in M$ , have nbhd  $U$  w/  $F|_U: U \xrightarrow{\sim} FU$   
 $\Rightarrow dF_p$  a linear iso  $\Rightarrow \text{rank } F = \dim M = \dim N$   
 $\Rightarrow F$  smooth imm & sub.  
 $\Leftarrow$ :  $dF_p$  iso  $\forall p$ . Apply inverse fn thm.

(b) Since  $\dim M = \dim N$ , inj or surj of  $dF_p \Rightarrow dF_p$  iso.

Thus  $F$  an imm  $\Leftrightarrow$  a sub.  $\square$

Rank Thm  $\circ \circ \circ$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{constant rank} \rightsquigarrow \text{canonical form} \end{array} \right.$

$M, N$  smooth mflds of dimn  $m, n$

$F: M \rightarrow N$  smooth of constant rank  $r$

Then  $\forall p \in M \exists$  smooth charts  $(U, \varphi)$  for  $M$  centered at  $p$

$(V, \psi)$  for  $N$  centered at  $F(p)$

s.t.  $FU \subseteq V$  in which  $F$  has coord rep'n

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \circ & \xrightarrow{F} & \circ \\ \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ \circ & & \circ \end{array} \quad \hat{F}(x^1, \dots, x^r, x^{r+1}, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^r, 0, 0, \dots, 0).$$

$\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}$

Note For  $F$  a smooth sub this becomes

$$\hat{F}(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \quad (m \geq n)$$

For  $F$  a smooth imm,

$$\hat{F}(x^1, \dots, x^m) = (x^1, \dots, x^m, 0, \dots, 0)$$

Pf WLOG  $U \xrightarrow{F} V$  Since rank  $F = r$ ,  $JF(p)$  has

$$\begin{array}{c} \cap \\ \mathbb{R}^m \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cap \\ \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

$r \times r$  submatrix w/  $\det \neq 0$ . Reordering coords, may take this to be upper left corner of  $JF(p)$ .

Make coords  $(x, y) = (x^1, \dots, x^r, y^1, \dots, y^{m-r})$  for  $U$

$(v, w) = (v^1, \dots, v^r, w^1, \dots, w^{n-r})$  for  $V$ .

Furthermore, translate so  $p = (0,0)$ ,  $F(p) = (0,0)$ .

Then  $F(x,y) = (Q(x,y), R(x,y))$  for  $Q: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$   
 $R: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-r}$

and  $\left( \frac{\partial Q^i}{\partial x^j} \Big|_{(0,0)} \right)_{i,j=1}^r$  is nonsingular.

$$\left( \frac{\partial Q^i}{\partial y^j} \Big|_{(0,0)} \right)$$

Define  $\varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$   
 $(x,y) \mapsto (Q(x,y), y)$

$$\text{with } J\varphi(0,0) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} C & D \\ \hline 0 & I_{n-r} \end{array} \right)$$

nonsingular b/c  $\det = \det C$ .

By inverse fn thm,  $\exists$  small nbhd  $U_0$  of  $(0,0)$ ,  $\tilde{U}_0$  of  $\varphi(0,0)$   
s.t.  $\varphi: U_0 \rightarrow \tilde{U}_0$  diffeo.

Restrict so that  $\tilde{U}_0$  is a cube. Write

$$\varphi(x, y) = (A(x, y), B(x, y)) \text{ for } A: \tilde{U}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r, B: \tilde{U}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-r}$$

smooth. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) &= \varphi(A(x, y), B(x, y)) \\ &= (Q(A(x, y), B(x, y)), B(x, y)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $B(x, y) = y$  so  $\varphi^{-1}(x, y) = (A(x, y), y)$ .

Since  $\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} = \text{id}$ , get  $Q(A(x, y), y) = x$

$$\Rightarrow F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x, y) = (x, \tilde{R}(x, y))$$

for  $\tilde{R}: \tilde{U}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-r}$  given by  $\tilde{R}(x, y) = R(A(x, y), y)$ .

Thus  $J(F \circ \varphi^{-1})(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-r} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{R}^i}{\partial x^j} & \frac{\partial \tilde{R}^i}{\partial y^j} \end{pmatrix}_{(x, y)}$

has rank  $r$ :

$\text{rank}(F \circ \text{diff}_{\varphi_0}) = \text{rank } F$

$r$  lin ind  $\Rightarrow$  all 0  
cols

$\Downarrow$

$\tilde{R}$  independent of  $y^1, \dots, y^{m-r}$

Let  $S(x) = \tilde{R}(x, 0)$ . Then

$$F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x, y) = (x, S(x))$$

Finally, need smooth chart in nbhd  $(0, 0) \in V$ .

Define  $V_0 = \{(v, w) \in V \mid (v, 0) \in \tilde{U}_0\}$ . Then  $F \circ \varphi^{-1}(\tilde{U}_0) \subseteq V_0$

$\Rightarrow F(U_0) \subseteq V_0$ . Define  $\psi: V_0 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{R}^n$

$$(v, w) \mapsto (v, w - S(v))$$

diffeo w/ inverse  $\psi^{-1}(s, t) = (s, t + S(s))$ .

Now get  $\psi \circ F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x, y) = \psi(x, S(x)) = (x, S(x) - S(x)) = (x, 0)$ .

□

Cor  $F: M \rightarrow N$  smooth,  $M$  conn'd. Then TFAE:

(a)  $\forall p \in M \exists$  smooth charts containing  $p$  and  $F(p)$  in which the coord rep'n of  $F$  is linear

(b)  $F$  has constant rank

□