

# Math 321 Lecture 33

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## 1 Proof of the Implicit Function Theorem

*Proof (cont'd).* **Last time:** **Given:**  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $E \overset{\text{open}}{\subseteq} \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$ ,  $f \in C^1(E)$ ,  $(\underbrace{\mathbf{a}}_{\mathbb{R}^{n+m}}, \underbrace{\mathbf{b}}_{\mathbb{R}^{n+m}}) \in E$ ,  $f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = f'(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \boxed{\mathbf{A}_x}_{n \times n} & \boxed{\mathbf{A}_y}_{n \times m} \end{array} \right]$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_x$  invertible.

(a) **Goal:** Given  $\mathbf{y}$  near  $\mathbf{b}$ , want to find a unique  $\underbrace{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{near } \mathbf{a}}$  such that  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0}$ ; i.e.,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})$ .

We defined  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y})$ ,  $\mathbf{F} : \underbrace{E}_{\substack{\text{I} \cap \\ \mathbb{R}^{n+m}}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  and checked the hypotheses of the

inverse function theorem for  $\mathbf{F}$ .  $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$  is invertible.

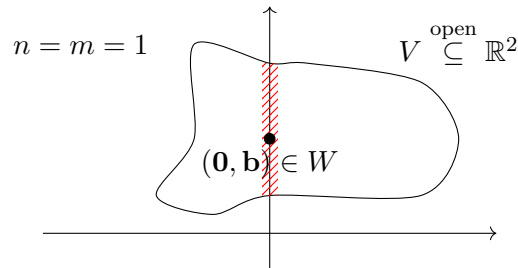
By the inverse function theorem, we know that there exist open sets  $U, V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  such that  $\mathbf{F} : \underbrace{U}_{\substack{\cup \\ (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})}} \rightarrow \underbrace{V}_{\substack{\text{I} \cap \\ \mathbb{R}^{n+m}}} = \mathbf{F}(U)$  is a bijection, and admits a  $C^1$ -inverse  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{F}^{-1}$ .

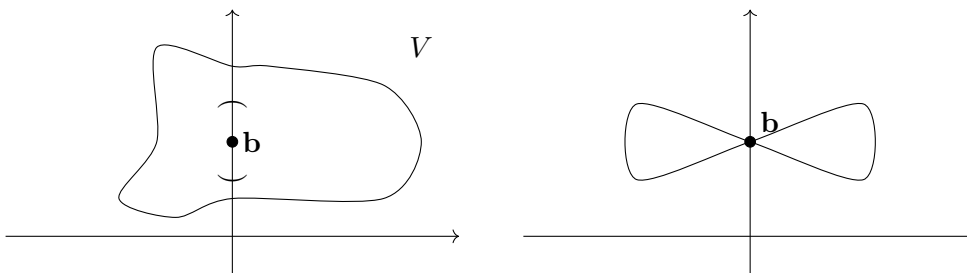
Let  $W = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m : (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}) \in \underbrace{V}_{=F(U)}\}$ .  $W$  is nonempty because  $\mathbf{b} \in W$ .

**Claim:**  $W$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . (Assume for now.)

**Fact:** For any open set  $O \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{k+k'}$ , show  $\{\mathbf{y} : (\underbrace{\mathbf{0}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^k}, \underbrace{\mathbf{y}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{k'}}) \in O\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{k'}$  is open.

**Hint:** Study the set  $\{\mathbf{y} : (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}) \in \underbrace{B}_{\text{open ball in } \mathbb{R}^{k'}}\}$ .





Choose  $\mathbf{y} \in W$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}) \in V = F(U) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \exists (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in U \text{ s.t. } \underbrace{\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}_{=\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \exists \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $\mathbf{x}$  is unique: if there exist  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}'$  such that  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0}$  and that  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), (\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}) \in U$ , then  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y})$ , contradicting the bijectivity of  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $U$ .

- (b) Note that so far for every  $\mathbf{y} \in W$ , we have a unique  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})$  such that  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in U$  and  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0}$ . In other words,  $\mathbf{x}$  is *implicitly* a function of  $\mathbf{y}$ , hence the name of the theorem.

e.g.,  $y^2 + x^3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = (-y^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

However,  $y^2 + xy + x^3 \sin x = 0$  cannot be solved explicitly as a function of  $y$  but the implicit function theorem ensures that near certain  $(a, b)$  such solutions exist.

**Goal:**  $\mathbf{g} \in C^1(W)$  and  $\mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b}) = -\mathbf{A}_x^{-1} \mathbf{A}_y$ , where  $\mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Note that

$$\mathbf{F} : (\underbrace{\mathbf{x}}_{=\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto (\underbrace{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}_{=\mathbf{0}}, \mathbf{y}).$$

Define

$$\underbrace{\Phi(\mathbf{y})}_{\in C^1(W)} = (\underbrace{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})}_{\in C^1(W)}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{F}^{-1}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}).$$

Then,

$$\Phi'(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{y})_{n \times m} \\ \mathbf{I}_{m \times m} \end{pmatrix}.$$

By the inverse function theorem, we know  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$  is  $C^1$  on  $V$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\underbrace{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y})}_{=\Phi(\mathbf{y})} = \mathbf{0} \\
 &\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{chain} \\ \text{rule} \end{array}} \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{f}'(\Phi(\mathbf{y}))}_{n \times (n+m)} \Phi'(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0} \\
 &\Rightarrow \underbrace{\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{y})}_{n \times (n+m)} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{y}) \\ \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}_{(n+m) \times m} = \mathbf{0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Why is  $\mathbf{g}$  or  $\Phi$  differentiable?

Set  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ ; get

$$\underbrace{[\mathbf{A}_x \quad \mathbf{A}_y]}_{=\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{b}), \mathbf{b})} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b}) \\ \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0};$$

i.e.,

$$\mathbf{A}_x \mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{A}_y = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b}) = -\mathbf{A}_x^{-1} \mathbf{A}_y \quad \text{since } \mathbf{A}_x \text{ is known to be invertible.}$$

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