

# Embeddings, immersions, submersions

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Idea: Smooth maps are approximated at small scales by linear maps.

For linear map  $L$ , choosing suitable bases we have

(i) bijective  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

(ii) injective  $(x_1, \dots, x_{k_2}) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_{k_2}, 0, \dots, 0)$

(iii) surjective  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_{k_2})$

Def: A smooth map  $F: M \rightarrow N$  is called a

(i) local diffeomorphism if  $dF_p$  is bijective  $\forall p \in M$

(ii) immersion if  $dF_p$  is injective  $\forall p \in M$

(iii) submersion if  $dF_p$  is surjective  $\forall p \in M$ .

Ex (i)  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$   
 $t \mapsto e^{it}$  is a local diffeo (but not bijective)

(ii)  $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$  smooth curve is immersion  $\Leftrightarrow \dot{\gamma}(t) \neq 0 \forall t \in I$

eg.  but not 

(iii)  $TM \xrightarrow{\pi} M$  & Hopf map:  $S^3 \rightarrow S^2$  are submersions.

# Inverse function thm

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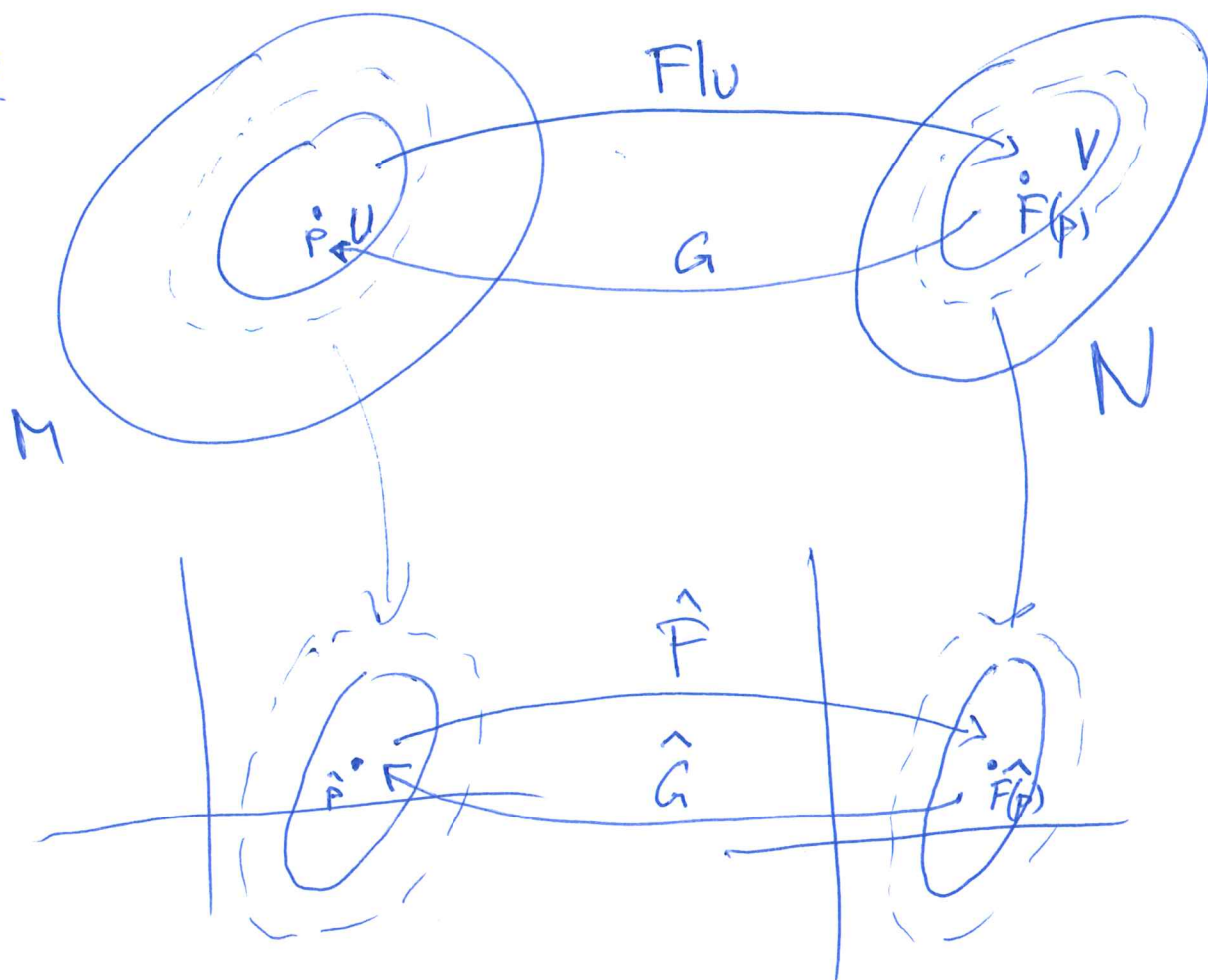
Suppose  $F: M \rightarrow N$  is smooth &  $dF_p$  is bijective.

Then  $F$  is smoothly invertible near  $p$ , i.e.

$\exists U \ni p$  open nbd with  $V := F(U)$  open

&  $G: V \rightarrow U$  smooth, st.  $G \circ F|_U = \text{id}_U$ ,  $F \circ G = \text{id}_V$ .

Proof:



Using charts, this follows from the inverse function thm in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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Cor  $F: M \rightarrow N$  smooth,  $dF_p$  bijective

$\Rightarrow \exists$  coords near  $p$  &  $F(p)$  st.  $\hat{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Q: When can we upgrade local diffeo to global diffeo?

Cor:  $F: M \rightarrow N$  smooth, bijective &  $dF_p$  bijective  $\forall p \in M$   
 $\Rightarrow F$  diffeo.

Proof:  $F$  bijective  $\Rightarrow \exists F^{-1}: N \rightarrow M$ .

Near  $q = F(p) \in N$  ~~by the function~~  
the map  $F^{-1}$  agrees with  $(F|_U)^{-1} = G$   
from Inverse fu. thm, which is smooth  $\square$

Cor  $F: M \rightarrow N$  smooth, injective &  $dF_p$  bijective  $\forall p$   
 $\uparrow$  compact  $\uparrow$  connected  
 $\Rightarrow F$  diffeo.

Proof  $K \subset M$  cpt  $\Rightarrow F(K) \subset N$  cpt.

$\Rightarrow F(M) \subseteq N$  is open & closed

$N$  connected  $\Rightarrow F(M) = N$ , i.e.  $F$  surjective  $\Rightarrow$  Claim  $\square$   
prev. cor.

## Local immersion thm

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Suppose  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is smooth &  $df_p$  is injective.

Then  $\exists$  coords near  $p$  &  $f(p)$  st.  $\hat{f}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = (x_1, \dots, x_k, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

Proof Working in local charts, can assume

$$\mathbb{R}^k \supset U \xrightarrow{f} V \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad f(0) = 0, \quad df_0 = \begin{pmatrix} I_k \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Consider  $F: U \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$(x, z) \mapsto f(x) + (0, z)$$

$$\text{Note that } dF_0 = \begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-k} \end{pmatrix} = I_n.$$

Inverse function thm  $\Rightarrow \exists G$  smooth local inverse of  $F$ .

$$\Rightarrow (x, z) = G(F(x, z)) = G(f(x) + (0, z))$$

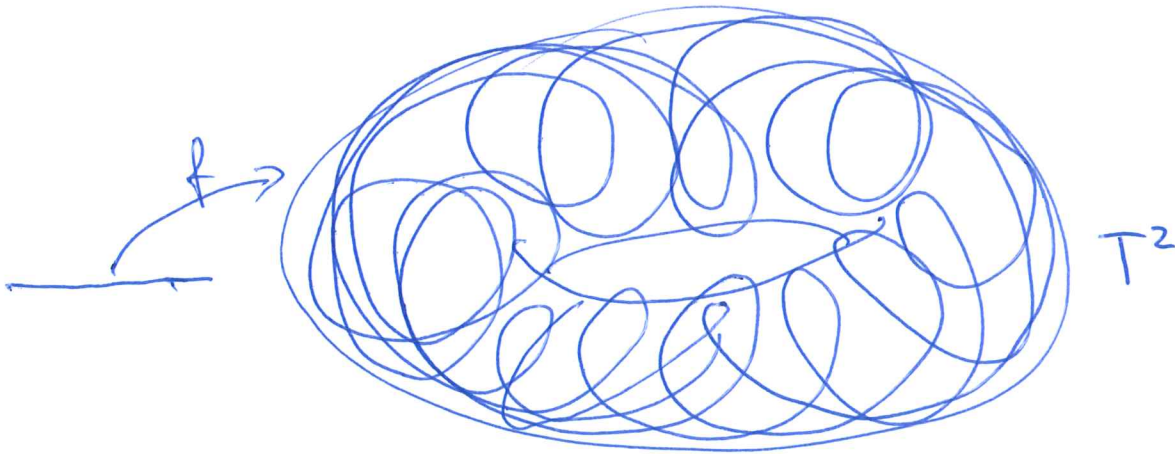
$$\text{In particular, } \underbrace{G(f(x))}_{\hat{f}(x)} = (x, 0)$$





Ex  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$   
 $x \mapsto [x, \theta x]$

where  $\theta \in (0, 1)$   
 is irrational



$f$  is an injective immersion, but:

Image  $f(\mathbb{R}) \subset T^2$  is dense,

in particular  $f(\mathbb{R}) \neq \mathbb{R}$ .

↑  
 not homeomorphic

Def: An embedding is an injective immersion, which is a homeomorphism onto its image. (6)

Ex 1)  $S^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

2)  $T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$[u, v] \mapsto ((2 + \cos 2\pi u) \cos 2\pi v, (2 + \cos 2\pi u) \sin 2\pi v, \sin 2\pi u)$



Q: When is an injective immersion an embedding?

Ex  $M$  compact (since then  $K \subset M$  closed  $\Rightarrow F(K) \subset N$  closed.)

More generally:

Prop  $F: M \rightarrow N$  proper injective immersion

$\Rightarrow F$  embedding.

Def: A continuous map  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is proper

if  $F^{-1}(K)$  is cpt  $\forall K \subset Y$  cpt.

Idea: "maps  $\infty$  to  $\infty$ "

Proof of prop:

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$F: M \rightarrow N$  proper injective immersion.

enough to show:  $F$  is open.

Suppose towards a contradiction  $\exists U \subset M$  open,  
st  $F(U)$  is not open

$\Rightarrow \exists y_1, y_2, \dots \in F(M) \setminus F(U)$  st  $y_i \rightarrow y \in F(U)$ .

$F$  proper  $\Rightarrow$  after passing to a subsequence,  
we have  $x_i := F^{-1}(y_i) \rightarrow x \in X$

$F$  injective  $\Rightarrow x = F^{-1}(y) \in U$

$U$  open  $\Rightarrow x_i = F^{-1}(y_i) \in U$  for large  $i$

$\Downarrow$   
 $\square$

Cor  ~~$F: M \rightarrow N$  embed.~~

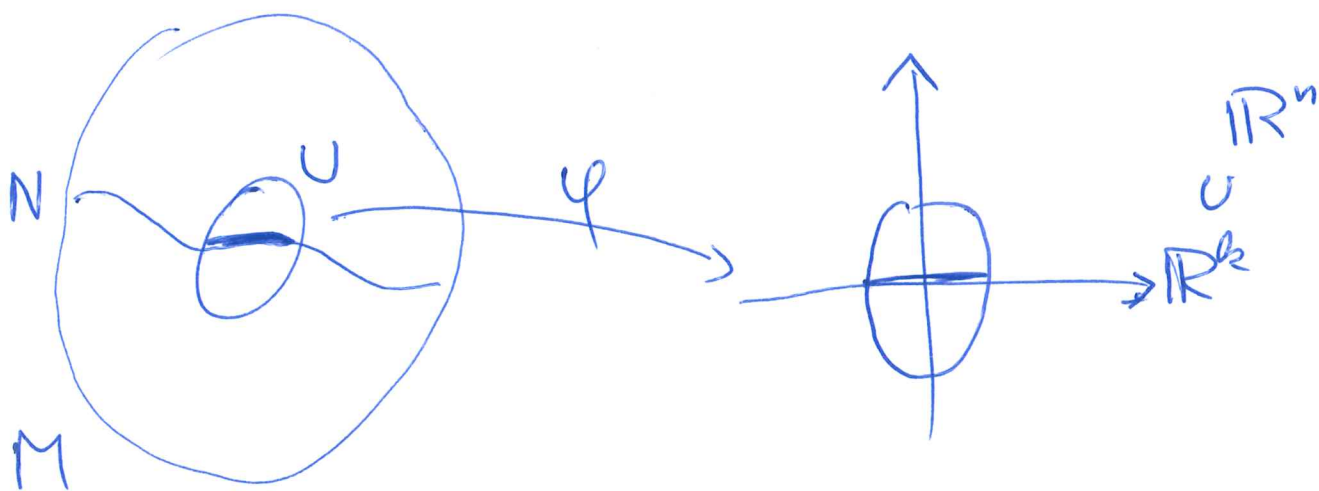
Def:  $M^n$  smooth  $n$ -dim mfd

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$N \subset M$  is called a  $k$ -dim submanifold,

if  $\exists$  smooth charts  $(U, \varphi)$  for  $M$ ,

such that  $\varphi(N \cap U) = \mathbb{R}^k \cap \varphi(U)$ .



Cor  $N^k \xrightarrow{F} M^n$  embedding (eg. proper injective immersion)

$\Rightarrow F(N) \subset M$  is a  $k$ -dim submanifold.

Proof Local immersion thm gives charts as required.

□



## Local submersion thm

Suppose  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is smooth &  $df_p$  is surjective.

Then  $\exists$  coords near  $p$  &  $f(p)$  st  $\hat{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$ .

Proof Can assume

$$\mathbb{R}^n \supset U \xrightarrow{f} V \subset \mathbb{R}^k, f(0) = 0, df_0 = (I_k \mid 0).$$

Consider  $F(x) := (f(x), x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n)$

& apply inverse function thm.  $\square$

Def: Let  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map.

$c \in N$  is called a regular value of  $f$

if  $df_p$  is surjective  $\forall p \in f^{-1}(c)$ .

Ex:  $f: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \mapsto x_1^2 + \dots + x_{n+1}^2$$

all  $c > 0$  are regular values.

Cor  $c$  regular value for  $f: M^m \rightarrow N^n$ ,  $f^{-1}(c) \neq \emptyset$

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$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(c) \subset M$  is a  $(m-n)$ -dim submanifold.

Moreover,  $T_p f^{-1}(c) = \ker(df_p) \quad \forall p \in f^{-1}(c)$ .

Proof: Follows from local submersion thm.  $\square$

Ex  $U(n) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : A^t A = I\}$

$f: M_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H(n) = \{M : M^t = M\}$   
 $A \longmapsto A^t A$

$$df_A(B) = \left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} (A + \varepsilon B)^t (A + \varepsilon B) = A^t B + B^t A$$

Given  $C \in H(n)$ , choose  $B = \frac{1}{2}AC$ . Then  $df_A(B) = C$ .

Cor  $\Rightarrow U(n) = f^{-1}(I) \subset M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is a submfld  
of dimension  $2n^2 - n^2 = n^2$ .

Moreover,  $T_I U(n) = \{B : B + B^t = 0\}$ ,

i.e. Lie algebra = skew Hermitian matrices.

# Partitions of unity & Whitney embedding

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Idea: Write constant function 1 as sum of bump functions.

Thm (partition of unity)

Let  $\{W_\alpha\}$  be an open cover of a smooth mfd  $M$ .

Then  $\exists \eta_i : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  smooth, st:

(i) every  $x \in M$  has a nbd in which only finitely many  $\eta_i$ 's don't vanish.

$$(ii) \sum_i \eta_i = 1$$

$$(iii) \forall i \exists \alpha : \overline{\{\eta_i \neq 0\}} \subset W_\alpha.$$

Lemma: For any open covering  $\{W_\alpha\}$  of  $M$ , there exists a locally finite refinement  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$  by good charts, i.e.

(i) every  $x \in M$  has a nbd that only intersects finitely many  $U_i$ 's.

$$(ii) \forall i \exists \alpha : U_i \subset W_\alpha$$

$$(iii) \varphi_i(U_i) = B_3(0) \text{ \& } \varphi_i^{-1}(B_1(0)) \text{ still cover.}$$

Lemma  $\Rightarrow$  Thm:

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Fix  $\psi: B_3^{\mathbb{R}^n}(0) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  smooth,

st  $\psi \equiv 1$  on  $\bar{B}_1$ , &  $\psi \equiv 0$  outside  $B_2$  (cf week 2)

Given  $\{W_\alpha\}$ , lemma provides  $(U_i, \psi_i)$ .

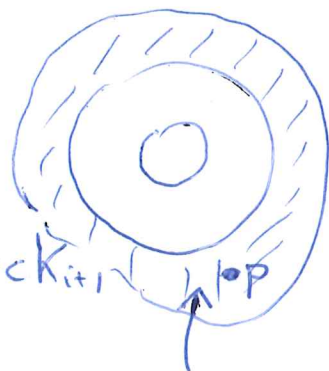
$$\text{Set } \psi_i(x) := \begin{cases} \psi(\psi_i(x)) & x \in U_i \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\eta_i := \frac{\psi_i}{\sum_j \psi_j}$  has the desired properties.  $\square$

Proof of Lemma:

Mfd axioms  $\Rightarrow$  can write  $M = \cup_i K_i$ ,

where  $K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \dots$  cpt set.  $\exists V_i$  open with  $K_i \subset V_i \subset K_{i+1}$



If  $p \in W_\alpha$ , then  $p \in K_{i+1} \setminus K_i^0$  for some  $i$ .

$$A_i = K_{i+1} \setminus K_i^0$$

Choose  $(U_{p,\alpha}, \psi_{p,\alpha})$  chart with  $U_{p,\alpha} \subset K_{i+2} \setminus K_{i-1}^0$  &  $\psi_{p,\alpha}(U_{p,\alpha}) = B_3^{\mathbb{R}^n}$   
&  $U_{p,\alpha} \subset W_\alpha$

Then, the open sets  $V_{p,\alpha} := \psi_{p,\alpha}^{-1}(B_1(0))$  cover the  
cpt set  $K_{i+1} \setminus K_i^0$  without leaving  $K_{i+2} \setminus K_{i-1}^0$ .

Choose finite subcover  $V_{i,k}$  for each  $i$ .

Then  $(U_{i,k}, \psi_{i,k})$  does the job.  $\square$



Prop  $M$  cpt smooth mfd

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$\Rightarrow \exists$  embedding  $M \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  for some  $N < \infty$ .

Proof:  $M$  cpt  $\Rightarrow \exists (U_i, \varphi_i)_{i=1, \dots, k}$  good charts,  $\sum_{i=1}^k \eta_i = 1$

Define  $\Phi: M^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k(n+1)}$

$$x \longmapsto (\eta_1(x)\varphi_1(x), \dots, \eta_k(x)\varphi_k(x), \eta_1(x), \dots, \eta_k(x))$$

•) If  $\Phi(x) = \Phi(x')$ , choose  $i$  st.  $x \in \varphi_i^{-1}(B_i(0))$ ,

then  $\eta_i(x) = \eta_i(x') \neq 0$ , hence  $\varphi_i(x) = \varphi_i(x')$ , so  $x = x'$ .

•) Given  $x \in M$ , chose  $i$  st  $x \in \varphi_i^{-1}(B_i(0))$ ,

then  $d(\eta_i \varphi_i) = c d\varphi_i$  injective  $\Rightarrow d\Phi_x$  injective

Hence,  $\Phi$  is an injective immersion.

$M$  cpt  $\Rightarrow \Phi$  embedding.  $\square$

Consider projection  $\pi_v: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N-1} = (\mathbb{R}v)^\perp$  (4)

Lemma (dimension reduction)

$M^n \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  embedded submfd.

If  $N > 2n+1$ , then for a.e.  $[V] \in \mathbb{R}P^{N-1}$  the maps

$$\Phi_v: M^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \xrightarrow{\pi_v} \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$$

is an injective immersion.

Proof Let  $\Delta_M = \{(p,p) \in M \times M\}$  diagonal  
 $M_0 = \{(p,0) \in TM\}$  zero-section.

Consider:

$$f: M \times M \setminus \Delta_M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}P^{N-1}$$

$$(p,q) \longmapsto [p-q]$$

$$g: TM \setminus M_0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}P^{N-1}$$

$$(p,w) \longmapsto [w]$$

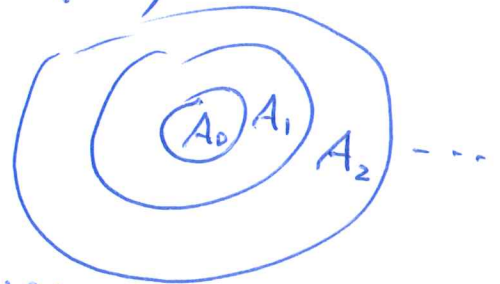
Note that  $\Phi_v$  injective immersion  $\Leftrightarrow [V]$  is not in the image of  $f$  &  $g$

Since  $N-1 > 2n$  & since <sup>(loc.)</sup> Lipschitz maps don't increase the <sup>(Hausdorff)</sup> dimension, this proves the Lemma.  $\square$

Thm (Whitney) Any smooth mfd  $M^n$  can be embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$  (5)

Proof: For  $M$  cpt directly follows by iterating dimension reduction Lemma.

For  $M$  noncpt, as before decompose  $M = \bigcup_i A_i$ ,  
 where  $A_i = \{i \leq \rho \leq i+1\}$  for some  
 smooth proper  $\rho: M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$



By argument in cpt case  $\Rightarrow \exists V_i \supset A_i$  open  
 &  $\varphi_i: V_i \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$  embedding.

Can assume  $V_i \cap V_j = \emptyset$  unless  $|i-j| \leq 1$ .

Choose  $\lambda_i: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth bump fn, st.

$\lambda_i \equiv 1$  in nbd of  $A_i$  &  $\lambda_i \equiv 0$  in nbd of  $M \setminus V_i$ .

Define  $F: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2(2n+1)} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$x \mapsto \left( \sum_{i \text{ even}} \lambda_i(x) \varphi_i(x), \sum_{i \text{ odd}} \lambda_i(x) \varphi_i(x), \rho(x) \right).$$

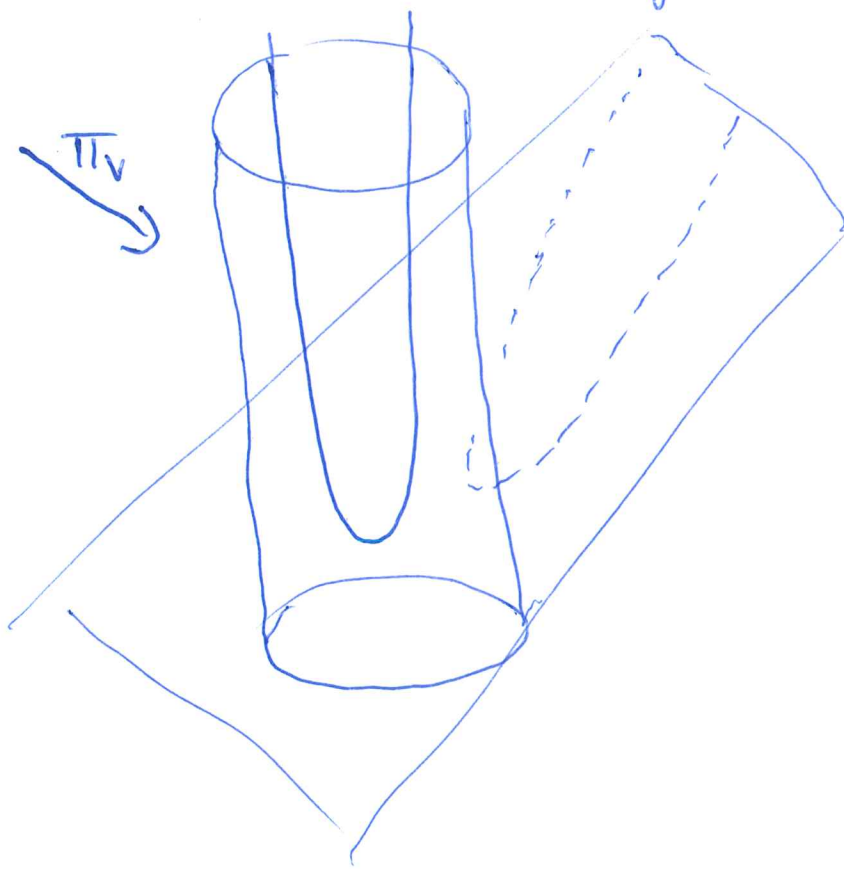
Then  $F$  is a proper injective immersion,  
 hence embedding.

Can arrange that  $F(M) \subset \underbrace{\mathbb{B}^{2(2n+1)}}_{\text{"tube"}} \times \mathbb{R}$

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By elementary geometric argument

$\pi_v$  with  $v \perp H$  tube preserves properness:



iterate dimension reduction lemma  $\Rightarrow$  thm. □

Remark With more effort ("Whitney tricks") can embed in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ .