

## Lec. 12

### Announcements

- H.W. Due Thursday (Friday Morning). <sup>Thurs.</sup>
- Want to move exam? Current March 10th, <sup>Tues</sup> 15th <sup>Thurs</sup> or 17th

Recall from last time

Def Given a smooth map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $y \in Y$  is a critical value of  $f$  if  $y$  is not a regular value. More over,  $x \in X$  is a critical point if  $df_x$  is not onto and is a regular point if  $df_x$  is onto.

Thm (Sard's Theorem) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a smooth map, then the set of critical values ~~of~~ of  $f$  have measure 0 in  $Y$ .

(Important! It is not true that the set of critical points have measure 0 in  $X$ )

Ex  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  via  $f(x, y) = 0$ .

Every non-zero value of  $\mathbb{R}$  is vacuously a regular value of  $f$ . 0 is a critical value. All points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are critical points.

## nondegenerate critical points

We want to study the local behavior of smooth maps  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

First Consider  $f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Suppose  $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$  is a critical point  
(i.e.  $df_x = 0$ )

Define the Hessian matrix at  $x$  to be

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_k \partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_k} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_k \partial x_k} \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $H$  is nonsingular at  $x$ , we say  $x$  is a  
nondegenerate critical point.

Lemma If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$  is a non-degenerate critical point of a smooth map  $f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists an open nbh of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  s.t.  $f|_U$  has a unique critical point at  $x$ .

Pf Define  $g: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  via

$$g(x) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k}(x) \right)$$

Since  $df_x = \cancel{g(x)} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k}(x) \right]$ ,

then  $df_x = 0$  iff  $g(x) = (0, \dots, 0)$ .

$$dg_x = \left[ \quad \right] = H$$

Since  $x$  is a non degenerate critical point, then

$dg_x$  is a vector space isomorphism.

By the inverse function theorem, since  $dg_x$  is a vector space isomorphism, then  $g$  is a local diffeomorphism at  $x$ .

Hence, there exists an open nbh  $U$  of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  s.t.

$$g|_U(y) = 0 \Rightarrow y = x.$$

Equivalently,  $f|_U$  has a unique critical point at  $x$ .  $\square$

Thm (Morse Lemma) Suppose  $a \in \mathbb{R}^k$  is a non degenerate critical point of  $f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . and let

$H = (h_{ij})$  be the Hessian of  $f$  at  $a$ .

Then there exists a local coordinate system  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  around  $a$

s.t.  $f = f(a) + \sum h_{ij} x_i x_j$  near  $a$ .



Moreover, since  $H$  is a real, symmetric, invertible  $k \times k$  matrix,  $H$  will have  $p$  positive eigen values and  $n$  negative eigen values s.t.  $p+n=k$ .

*real symmetric matrices are diagonalizable.*

From linear algebra, there exists yet another coordinate system  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  s.t.

$$f = f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^p y_i^2 - \sum_{i=p+1}^n y_i^2$$

Lets investigate the morse lemma for functions

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Suppose  $f((0,0)) = 0$

Then  $f((x,y)) = f((0,0)) + \sum_{i=1}^2 x^2 + y^2$

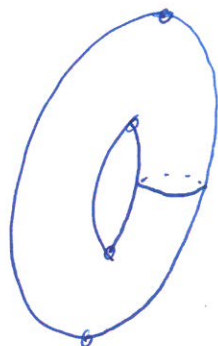
$= 0 + x^2 + y^2$  min

$+ x^2 - y^2$  saddle

or  $-x^2 - y^2$  max



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non degenerate critical points for smooth maps

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & x & \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R} \\ \phi(0)=x & \uparrow \phi & \\ u & & \end{array}$$

$x$  is a critical point of  $f$   
implies  $0$  is a crit. pt.  
of  $f \circ \phi$ .

Say  $x$  is a non degenerate  
crit point of  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if  
 $x$  is a nondegenerate crit point  
of  $f \circ \phi$ .

Problem: Suppose  $\gamma: V \rightarrow X$  is another  
parameterization about  $x \in X$  s.t.  $\gamma(0) = x$ .

After restricting the domain & range of  $\phi$  and  $\gamma$   
we can assume  $\phi^{-1} \circ \gamma$  and  $\gamma^{-1} \circ \phi$  are  
diffeomorphisms.

Since  $f \circ \gamma = f \circ \phi \circ (\phi^{-1} \circ \gamma)$ , then we must show...

Lemma | Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a non-degenerate  
critical point at  $0$  and let  $g: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  be a  
diffeomorphism with  $g(0) = 0$ . Then  $f \circ g$   
also has a non degenerate crit value at  $0$ .

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