

# Jacobian-squared function-germs

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## REFERENCE

[N] T. N., *Jacobian-squared function-germs*, Pure and Applied Mathematics Quarterly, **13** (2017), 711-728.

## MOTIVATION

The **MOTIVATION** of the reference is one fact found in the following Mather's prominent paper:

J. Mather, *Generic Projections*, *Annals of Mathematics*, **98** (1973), 226–245.

In order to explain motivation in detail, let me define several fundamental notions of this talk.

## DEFINITION 1

(1)

**Projection**  
 $\Leftrightarrow \pi : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  linear surjective

(2)

$$S^n = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

(3)

**Projection of  $S^n$**   
 $\Leftrightarrow \pi|_{S^n} : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  restriction

**FACT 1 (J. Mather)** Let  $n, p$  be positive integers such that  $n + 1 \geq p$ . Then,

(1) Any two  $\pi_1|_{S^n}, \pi_2|_{S^n}$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -equivalent. More precisely, there exist a rotation  $h : S^n \rightarrow S^n$  and a linear isomorphism  $H : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  such that

$$\pi_1|_{S^n} = H \circ (\pi_2|_{S^n}) \circ h.$$

(2) Every  $\pi|_{S^n}$  is stable. More precisely, the singular point set  $\Sigma(\pi|_{S^n})$  is a  $(p - 1)$ -dimensional sphere consisting of definite fold singular points and

$$\pi|_{\Sigma(\pi|_{S^n})} : \Sigma(\pi|_{S^n}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$$

is an embedding.

This fact might be not so profound. But, I wanted to view a projected image of Whitney umbrella inside the unit sphere. So, I wanted to investigate what one can get by projecting a Whitney umbrella inside the unit sphere. In this talk, let me first recover my investigation. From now on, let's concentrate on the case  $n = p = 3$  and the orthogonal projection  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

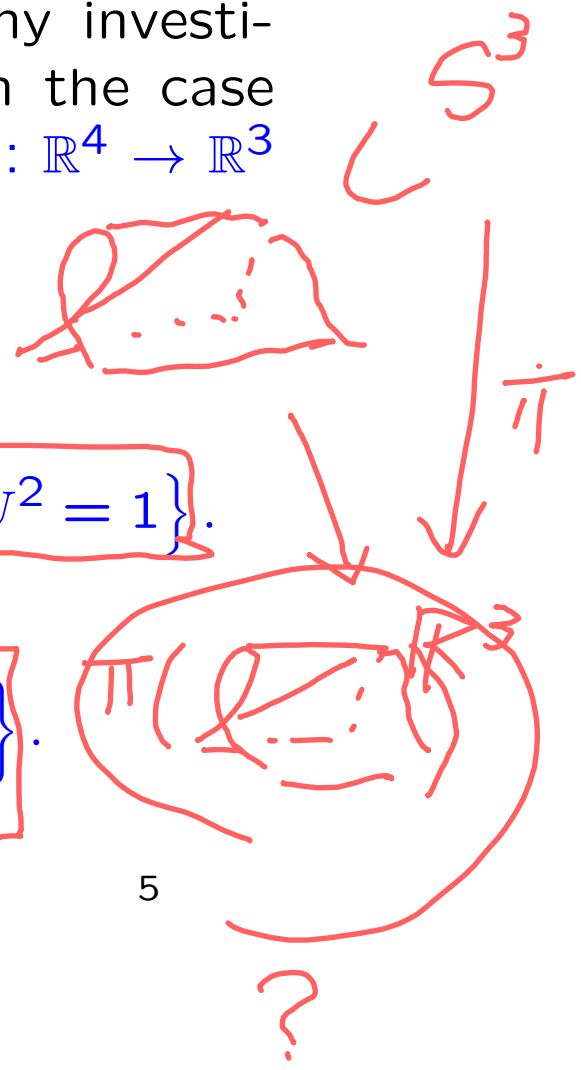
$$\pi(X, Y, Z, U) = (X, Y, Z)$$

and the restriction of  $\pi$  to

$$S^3 = \{(X, Y, Z, U) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 + U^2 = 1\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  be the open set defined by

$$\mathcal{W} = \left\{ (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta_i < \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}.$$



Let  $\underline{\varphi} : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow S^3$  be the parametrization defined by

$$X \circ \varphi(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_3,$$

$$Y \circ \varphi(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \sin \theta_3,$$

$$Z \circ \varphi(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2,$$

$$U \circ \varphi(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = \sin \theta_1.$$

So,  $\theta_1$  is the latitude and  $\theta_2, \theta_3$  are longitudes.



Then  $\pi \circ \varphi(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$  is

$$(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_3, \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \sin \theta_3, \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2).$$

Set

$$\Psi(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = (1 - \theta_1^2, \theta_2, \theta_3),$$

$$H(X, Y, Z) = (\psi(X) \cos Y \cos Z, \psi(X) \cos Y \sin Z, \psi(X) \sin Y),$$

$$\text{where } \psi(X) = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}(1 - X) + \frac{1}{4!}(1 - X)^2 - \frac{1}{6!}(1 - X)^3 + \dots$$

Then,

$$\psi(1 - \theta_1^2) = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}\theta_1^2 + \frac{1}{4!}\theta_1^4 - \frac{1}{6!}\theta_1^6 + \dots = \cos \theta_1.$$



Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & H \circ \Psi(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) \\ &= (\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_3, \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \sin \theta_3, \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) \\ &= \pi \circ \varphi(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3). \end{aligned}$$

holds. Moreover,  $H: (\mathbb{R}^3, (1, 0, 0)) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^3, (1, 0, 0))$  is clearly a germ of  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphism and Thus,  $\pi \circ \varphi: (\mathcal{W}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^3, (1, 0, 0))$  is  $\mathcal{L}$ -equivalent to  $\Psi: (\mathcal{W}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^3, (1, 0, 0))$ .

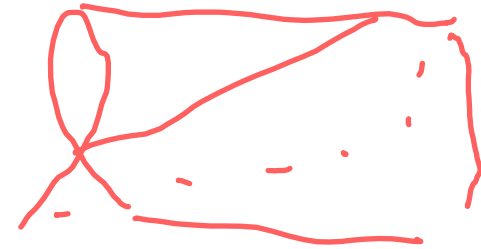
Next, let  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a small open neighborhood of  $\underline{0} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and let  $f : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by

$$f(x, y) = \left( \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy, y \right).$$

Any map-germ  $g : (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{0})$   $\mathcal{A}$ -equivalent to  $f$  is called a plane-to-plane cusp singularity. Notice that the Jacobian determinant  $|Jf|$  is  $x^2 + y$  for our  $f$ .

Let  $F : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &= (|Jf|(x, y), f(x, y)) \\ &= \left( x^2 + y, \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy, y \right) \end{aligned}$$



Any map-germ  $G : (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbf{0})$   $\mathcal{A}$ -equivalent to  $F$  is called a Whitney umbrella.

Assume  $\mathcal{V}$  is sufficiently small so that

$$F(\mathcal{V}) \subset \mathcal{W} = \left\{ (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta_i < \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}.$$

Let's calculate  $\pi \circ \varphi \circ F: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \circ \varphi \circ F(x, y) &= H \circ \Psi \left( x^2 + y, \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy, y \right) \\ &= H \left( 1 - (x^2 + y)^2, \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy, y \right) \end{aligned}$$

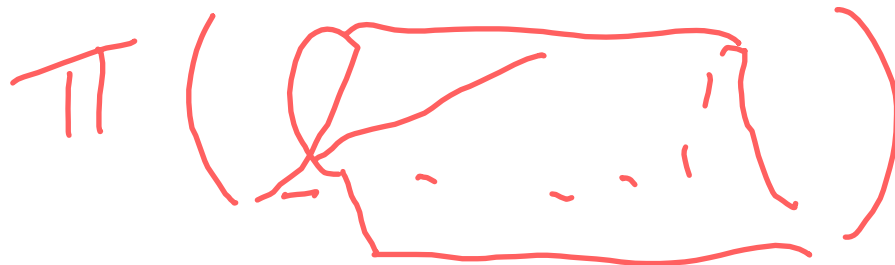
and  $H$  was a germ of  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphism.

Therefore,  $\pi \circ \varphi \circ F$  is  $\mathcal{L}$ -equivalent to

$$\tilde{F}(x, y) = \left( (x^2 + y)^2, \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy, y \right) = (|Jf|^2(x, y), f(x, y)).$$

The function  $|Jf|^2$  is called the Jacobian-squared function of  $f$ .

Thus, in order to view the shape of projected image of Whitney umbrella inside  $S^3$ , it is sufficient to view the image of  $\tilde{F}$



$$H_1: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\tilde{F}(x, y) = \left( (x^2 + y)^2, \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy, y \right) = \left( x^4 + 2x^2y + y^2, \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy, y \right).$$

Set  $H_1(X, Y, Z) = (X - Z^2, Y, Z)$ . Then,  $H_1$  is a  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphism and we have

$$H_1 \circ \tilde{F}(x, y) = \left( x^4 + 2x^2y, \frac{1}{3}x^3 + xy, y \right).$$

Set  $H_2(X, Y, Z) = (3X, -12Y, 6Z)$ . Then,  $H_2$  is a  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphism and we have

$$H_2 \circ H_1 \circ \tilde{F}(x, y) = \left( 3x^4 + 6x^2y, -4x^3 - 12xy, 6y \right).$$

Finally, set  $h_1(x, y) = (x, \frac{1}{6}y)$ . Then,

$$H_2 \circ H_1 \circ \tilde{F} \circ h_1(x, y) = (3x^4 + x^2y, -4x^3 - 2xy, y),$$

which is well-known as the normal form of swallowtail.

Thus, we confirmed that the image of Whitney umbrella inside  $S^3$  by the canonical projection  $\pi : S^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is nothing but a swallowtail.

This is the motivation of my study on Jacobian-squared function germs.

## What is the role of Jacobian-squared function-germs ?

Before stating my answer, let me explain several notions.

**DEFINITION 2** A  $C^\infty$  map-germ  $G : (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{n+l}, \mathbf{0})$  is called a *frontal* if there exist vector fields  $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_l : (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow T\mathbb{R}^{n+l}$  along  $G$  such that the three conditions in the next slide are satisfied.

(1)  $\phi_i(x) \cdot tG(\xi)(x) = 0$  for any  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ ) and any  $\xi \in \theta(n)$ , where  $\Phi_i(x) = (G(x), \phi_i(x))$  and the dot in the center stands for the scalar product of two vectors in  $T_{G(x)}\mathbb{R}^{n+\ell}$ .

(2)  $\phi_i(0) \neq 0$  for any  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ ).

(3)  $\phi_1(0), \dots, \phi_\ell(0)$  are linearly independent.

$$\Phi_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T\mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(G(x), \phi_i(x))$$



**DEFINITION 3** Let  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n) : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$  be an equidimensional map-germ.

(1) Let  $\Omega_n^1$  denote the  $\mathcal{E}_n$ -module of 1-forms on  $(\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$ . Then, the  $\mathcal{E}_n$ -module generated by  $df_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) in  $\Omega_n^1$  is called the Jacobi module of  $f$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{J}_f$ , where  $dh$  for a function-germ  $h : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  stands for the exterior differential of  $h$ .

(2) The ramification module of  $f$  (denoted by  $\mathcal{R}_f$ ) is defined as the  $f^*(\mathcal{E}_n)$ -module consisting of all function-germs  $\varphi$  such that  $d\varphi$  belongs to  $\mathcal{J}_f$ .

$$\mathcal{J}_f = \langle df_1, \dots, df_n \rangle_{\mathcal{E}_n}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_f = \left\{ \varphi / d\varphi \in \frac{\mathcal{E}_n}{\mathcal{J}_f} \right\}$$

**THEOREM 1** Let  $f : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$  be an equidimensional map-germ. Then, the following inclusion holds:

$$|Jf| \Omega_n^1 \subset \mathcal{J}_f.$$

$$|Jf| \Omega'_n \subset \mathcal{J}_f$$

$$|Jf| =$$

Since  $d(\mu|Jf|^2) = |Jf|(|Jf|d\mu + 2\mu d|Jf|) \in |Jf|\Omega_n^1$  for any  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}_n$ , the following corollary can be obtained from Theorem 1.

**COROLLARY 1** Let  $f : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$  be an equidimensional map-germ. For any  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ ), let  $\mu_i : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function-germ. Then, the map-germ  $F : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+\ell}$  defined by

$$F = (f, \mu_1|Jf|^2, \dots, \mu_\ell|Jf|^2)$$

is always a frontal.

There are several advantages of Corollary 1.

- (1) Construction of non-trivial frontals is very easy.
- (2) Similarly as in the case of swallowtail, well-known frontals can be easily constructed by Theorem 1.
- (3) (At least for me), normal forms of famous frontals (especially coefficients of them) are not easy to memorize. On the other hand, construction by using Jacobian-squared function-germs provides very simple forms.

$$\Phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$$

**EXAMPLE 1 (Open Swallowtail)** Normal form of Open Swallowtail:  $\Phi = (x^3 + xy, y, x^4 + \frac{2}{3}x^2y, x^5 + \frac{5}{9}x^3y, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

By using Corollary ~~Theorem 1~~,  $\Phi$  is constructed as follows:

Materials:  $f(x, y) = (x^3 + xy, y)$ ,

$$\mu_1(x, y) = 1, \mu_2(x, y) = x,$$

$$\mu_i(x, y) = 0 \quad (3 \leq i \leq l).$$

In this case, our frontal  $F$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &= (f(x, y), \mu_1(x, y)|Jf|^2(x, y), \dots, \mu_l(x, y)|Jf|^2(x, y)) \\ &= (x^3 + xy, y, (3x^2 + y)^2, x(3x^2 + y)^2, 0, \dots, 0) \\ &= (x^3 + xy, y, 9x^4 + 6x^2y + y^2, \\ &\quad 9x^5 + 6x^3y + xy^2, 0, \dots, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$H_1(X, Y, U_1, U_2, U_3, \dots, U_\ell) = (X, Y, U_1 - Y^2, U_2 - XY, U_3, \dots, U_\ell).$$

$$H_2(X, Y, U_1, U_2, U_3, \dots, U_\ell) = \left( X, Y, \frac{1}{9}U_1, \frac{1}{9}U_2, U_3, \dots, U_\ell \right).$$

Then,

$$H_1 \circ F(x, y) = (x^3 + xy, y, 9x^4 + 6x^2y, 9x^5 + 5x^3y, 0, \dots, 0).$$

$$\begin{aligned} & H_2 \circ H_1 \circ F(x, y) \\ &= \left( x^2 + xy, y, x^4 + \frac{2}{3}x^2y, x^5 + \frac{5}{9}x^3y, 0, \dots, 0 \right) \\ &= \Phi(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $H_1, H_2$  are  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphisms,  $F$  and  $\Phi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -equivalent.

## Proof of Theorem 1

Let  $\widetilde{Jf}$  be the **cofactor matrix of the Jacobian matrix  $Jf$** . Then, notice that  $\widetilde{Jf}Jf = |Jf|E_n$  where  $E_n$  is the  $n \times n$  unit matrix. For any 1-form  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i dx_i$ , we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} |Jf|\alpha &= (a_1, \dots, a_n) \widetilde{Jf} Jf \begin{pmatrix} dx_1 \\ \vdots \\ dx_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (a_1, \dots, a_n) \widetilde{Jf} \begin{pmatrix} df_1 \\ \vdots \\ df_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{J}_f. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

$$\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \begin{pmatrix} dx_1 \\ \vdots \\ dx_n \end{pmatrix} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) E_n \begin{pmatrix} dx_1 \\ \vdots \\ dx_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Is any frontal germ constructed in  
this way ?

**PROPOSITION 1 (Ishikawa)** *For any frontal germ  $F : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{n+\ell}, 0)$ , there exist germs of diffeomorphism  $h : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$  and  $H : (\mathbb{R}^{n+\ell}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{n+\ell}, 0)$ , an equidimensional map-germ  $f : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$  and elements  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_\ell$  of  $\mathcal{R}_f$  such that the following equality holds:*

$$H \circ F \circ h = (f, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_\ell).$$



Based on Proposition 1, it is natural to ask the converse of Corollary 1. However, if  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} Q(f) > 3$ , then there exist counterexamples against the converse of Corollary 1. Thus, we ask the converse of Corollary 1 in the case  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} Q(f) \leq 3$ .

**THEOREM 2** Let  $F : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{n+l}, 0)$  be a frontal germ. Suppose that there exist germs of diffeomorphism  $h : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$  and  $H : (\mathbb{R}^{n+l}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{n+l}, 0)$ , an equidimensional map-germ  $f : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$  with  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} Q(f) \leq 3$  and elements  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_\ell$  of  $\mathcal{R}_f$  such that the following equality holds:

$$H \circ F \circ h = (f, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_\ell).$$

Then, the following holds:

$$\langle |Jf|^2 \rangle_{\mathcal{E}_n} + f^*(\mathcal{E}_n) = \mathcal{R}_f.$$

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$$H \circ F \circ h = (f, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_\ell).$$

Then, there exist a germ of diffeomorphism  $\tilde{H} : (\mathbb{R}^{n+l}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{n+l}, 0)$  and function-germs  $\mu_i : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ ) such that

$$\tilde{H} \circ H \circ F \circ h = (f, \mu_1 |Jf|^2, \dots, \mu_\ell |Jf|^2).$$

**QUESTION 1** Let  $f : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$  be an equidimensional map-germ. Then, does there exist a finitely generated  $\mathcal{E}_n$ -module  $A$  such that the following holds ?

$$A + f^*(\mathcal{E}_n) = \mathcal{R}_f.$$

Notice that by Ishikawa, it is known if " $f$  is finite and of corank one" or "it is  $\mathcal{A}$ -equivalent to a finite analytic map-germ", then there exists a finitely generated  $f^*(\mathcal{E}_n)$ -module  $B$  satisfying the equality:

$$B + f^*(\mathcal{E}_n) = \mathcal{R}_f.$$

Notice also that in the case of Mather's  $A_e$  tangent space for a map-germ  $g : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^p, 0)$ , the corresponding  $\mathcal{E}_n$ -module is nothing but  $tg(\theta(n))$ . Thus, Question 1 asks whether or not the ramification module  $\mathcal{R}_f$  has a similar structure as  $TA_e(g)$ .

$$TA_e(g) = \underbrace{tg(\theta(n))}_{\mathcal{E}_n} + \underbrace{tg(\theta(\overset{p=n}{\cancel{n}}))}_{g^* \mathcal{E}_n}$$

Thank you  
for your kind attention!