

$V_1 = (f_1' = \dots = f_2' = 0)$  One of them ( $f_i'$ 's) must not be identically zero on  $V_2$ ; if so, then  $V_1 \supset V_2 \Rightarrow$  Contradiction.  $\Rightarrow$  We have  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{O}_n$ .  $f_1 \equiv 0$  on  $V_1$ ,  $f_1 \not\equiv 0$  on  $V_2$ ,  $f_2 \not\equiv 0$  on  $V_1$ ,  $f_2 \equiv 0$  on  $V_2$ .  $\square$

By the Nullstellensatz,  $f$  must divide the product  $f_1 \cdot f_2$ ; since  $f$  is irreducible, it follows that  $f$  must divide either  $f_1$  or  $f_2$ ; i.e., either  $V_1 \supset V$  or  $V_2 \supset V$ , a contradiction.

$\square$  Since  $\mathcal{O}_n$  is a UFD, P10,  $f$  must divide either  $f_1$  or  $f_2$ .  $f_1 \cdot f_2 = g_1 \cdots g_e$ ,  $g_i$ 's irreducible elements.  $\Rightarrow$  Some  $g_i$  must be equal to  $f$  up to unit.  $\Rightarrow$  If  $g_i$  comes from  $f_1$ , then  $f$  divides  $f_1$ . Similarly we get a conclusion on  $f_2$ .  $\square$

In addition to the <sup>basic</sup> picture of an analytic hypersurface (p. 9) we see that

1. Suppose  $V \subset U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is an analytic hypersurface, given by  $V = \{f(z) = 0\}$  in a nbd of  $0 \in V$ . Since  $\mathcal{O}_n$  is a UFD, we can write

$$f = f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdots f_h$$

with  $f_i$  irreducible in  $\mathcal{O}_n$ : if we set  $V_i = \{f_i(z) = 0\}$  then we have

$$V = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_h$$