

$= \{ \overset{\leftarrow}{f} \circ \overset{\leftarrow}{g}_1 = \dots = \overset{\leftarrow}{f} \circ \overset{\leftarrow}{g}_k = 0 \}$ . But from  $f(W) = f(S \cap W)$ ,  
 $W \subset f^{-1}(f(S)) \Rightarrow$  Since  $M$  is irreducible, again  
 by Whitney, P 77, Theorem 1. K,  
 $M \subset f^{-1}(f(S)) \Rightarrow f(M) \subset f(S) \Rightarrow f(M) = f(S)$

This reduces us to proving the theorem when  $f$  has maximum rank  $n = \dim M$  at some point  $p_0 \in M^*$ .

$\square$  If  $f$  has maximum rank  $< n$ , we proved that  $f(M) = f(S)$  is analytic by induction.  $\Rightarrow$  We have only to prove that  $f$  has maximum rank  $n = \dim M$ .

We will then prove that  $f(M)$  is an  $n$ -dimensional analytic subvariety of the polycylinder.

3. At this juncture, we may define the current  $S \in \mathcal{D}^{p,p}(\Delta)$  ( $p = N - n$ ), which will turn out to be the  $T_{f(M)}$  once the theorem is proven. The definition is

$$S(\varphi) = \int_{M^*} f^*(\varphi), \quad \varphi \in A_c^{n,n}(\Delta).$$

Since  $f$  is proper and holomorphic,  $S$  is a closed, positive current.

$\square$   $(dS)(\psi) = \pm S(d\psi) = \int_{M^*} f^*(d\psi) = \int_{M^*} d(f^*\psi) = 0$  by P33 Stokes' Theorem for Analytic Varieties.  $\Rightarrow S$  is closed.