

The converse is harder to prove in general; since we will use it only for analytic hypersurfaces, we will prove it in this case. Suppose  $V^*$  is disconnected, and let  $\{V_i\}$  denote the connected components of  $V^*$ ; we want to show that  $\overline{V_i}$  is an analytic variety. Let  $p \in \overline{V_i}$  be any point,  $f$  a defining function for  $V$  near  $p$ , and  $\bar{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  local coordinates around  $p$ ; we may assume that  $f$  is a Weierstrass polynomial of degree  $k$  in  $z_n$ .

Write

$$g = \alpha f + \beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_n}, \quad g \neq 0 \in \mathcal{O}_{n-1};$$

then for  $\Delta$  some polydisc around  $p$  and  $\Delta'$  a polydisc in  $\mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ , the projection map  $\pi: (z_1, \dots, z_n) \mapsto (z_1, \dots, z_{n-1})$  expresses  $V_i \cap (\Delta - (g=0))$  as a covering space of  $\Delta' - (g=0)$ .

Since  $f$  is a local defining function at  $p$ ,  $f$  &  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_n}$  are relatively prime, otherwise,  $f(\bar{z}', z_n) = (\quad)(\quad)^2(\dots)$ , which is not a local defining function. More precisely, suppose  $f = g f_1$  &  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_n} = g f_2$ , where

$g$  is irreducible in  $\mathcal{O}_{n-1}[Z_n]$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_n} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_n} f_1 + g \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_n} = g f_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_n} f_1 = g \left( f_2 - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_n} \right), \Rightarrow \text{Since } g \text{ is}$$