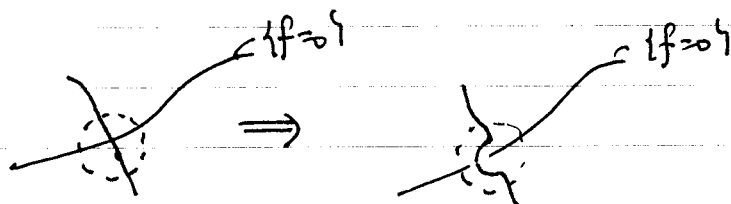


“Comment on the path-connectedness of ^{the complement of} an algebraic variety”

We have only to prove that $\{f=0\}^c$ is path-connected. By Weierstrass preparation theorem & the fact that $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \{f=0\}^c$ is ≥ 2 , $\{f=0\}^c$ is path-connected.

In a different way, consider $\{f=0\}$ and a curve joining any two points. Consider a general position of the curve with $\{f=0\}$. \Rightarrow Since $\{f=0\}$ has codimension ≥ 2 , we have a curve which does not intersect with $\{f=0\}$.

Return to Weierstrass preparation theorem. Given p, q distinct two points $\notin \{f=0\}$, first draw a curve joining p & q which does not intersect the branch locus. Second, for any point which is not on the branch locus, consider an small open set which looks like a \mathbb{C}^{n-1} plane in \mathbb{C}^n . We can draw an arc as follows.



Case 2: $\det A(0) \neq 0$ but f possibly degenerate.

Since the result is local around the origin, we may shrink U and assume that $\det A(z) \neq 0$ in \bar{U} . If f_t is a good perturbation of $f=f_0$, then $g_t = A \cdot f_t$ is a good perturbation of $g=g_0$, and by continuity and