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In general, then, the tangent cone to an analytic variety  $V \subset M$  at  $p \in V$  is taken to be the intersection of the tangent cones at  $p$  to all local analytic hypersurfaces in  $M$  containing  $V$ . In case  $V$  is smooth at  $p$ , of course, this is just the tangent space to  $V$  at  $p$ .

□ In case  $V = \{f_1 = f_2 = 0\} \subset M^3$  smooth at  $p$ ,  
locally  $(z_1, z_2, z_3) \longmapsto (f_1, f_2, z_3)$ .

where we assume  $\left| \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_j} \right) \right| \neq 0$  at  $p$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ .

$\Rightarrow T_p V = T_p \{f_1 = 0\} \cap T_p \{f_2 = 0\} = \mathbb{C}$ , since <sup>every</sup> tangent cone of any local hypersurface containing  $V$  contains  $\mathbb{C}$ . For, given a local hypersurface  $V'$  containing  $V$ ,  $\Rightarrow V' = \{f = 0\}$ .

Since  $V$  is smooth,  $V \stackrel{\text{biholomorph}}{\cong} \mathbb{C}$  locally at  $p$ .

$\Rightarrow$  For  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \in T_p V$ ,  $\exists \alpha: I \rightarrow V$  s.t.  $\alpha'(0) = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Since  $V \subset \{f = 0\}$ ,  $f(\alpha(t)) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} \alpha_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_2} \alpha_2 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_3} \alpha_3 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \in T_p V'$ .

Thus in case  $V$  is smooth at  $p$ ,  $T_p V$  is just