

for the Dolbeault representative of  $[W_t] \in H^{n-1}(U^*, \Omega^n)$  we see that the boundary integral

$$\int_{\partial U} \eta_{W_t}$$

is continuous in  $t$ . Going to the residue theorem, we find the principle of continuity:

$$(*) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sum_{p_t \in f_t^{-1}(0)} \text{Res}_{p_t} W_t = \sum_{p \in f^{-1}(0)} \text{Res}_p W.$$

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$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\partial U} \eta_{W_t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sum_{p_t \in f_t^{-1}(0)} \text{Res}_{p_t} W_t = \int_{\partial U} \eta_W = \sum_{p \in f^{-1}(0)} \text{Res}_p W \quad \square$$

To apply this, we need to discuss perturbations of a given map  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  having  $f^{-1}(0) = \emptyset$ . A family of maps  $f_t: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  defined and holomorphic in a nbd of  $\bar{U}$ , varying continuously with  $t$  and such that  $f_0 = f$ , is said to be a good perturbation of  $f$  in case  $f_t$  has only nondegenerate zeros for  $t \neq 0$ . We will be able to easily see the existence of good perturbations when we discuss finite holomorphic mappings below.

For the moment they may be deduced from Sard's theorem as follows: Since the critical values of  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  have measure zero in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , we can find an arc  $r(t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \epsilon$ , with  $r(0) = \emptyset$  and  $r(t)$  not a critical value for  $t \neq 0$ . Then

$$f_t(z) = f(z) - r(t)$$

is a good perturbation of  $f$ .