

Exercises Singularity Theory

1. (1 point) Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, $0 \in U$ and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth, and let $\psi : U \rightarrow U$ be a local diffeomorphism. Let moreover 0 be a critical point of f . Let $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given as in the lectures by $g(y) := f(\psi(y))$. Show that $D^2g(0)$ and $D^2f(0)$ have equal rank and index.
2. (1+2 points) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 - xy^2 + x^2y$.
 - (a) What are the rank and the index of f (i.e., the rank and the index of $D^2f(0)$) ?
 - (b) Show that there is a local diffeomorphism ϕ at 0 in \mathbb{R}^2 which transforms f into the function $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$.
3. (3 points)
Let $U := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$ and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x, y) := \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}$.
 - (a) What are the critical points of f ?
 - (b) Let (x_0, y_0) be any point in $U \setminus \text{Crit}(f)$. Construct a local diffeomorphism near (x_0, y_0) , which transforms f into a linear function.