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ABSTRACT. Arnold conjecture from the conical view point.

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~~and the "conic" version of~~ Arnold's conjecture from the conical view point

- I) Tautologies
- II) Conical statements
- III) Idea of proof, generating hypersurfaces
- IV) Persistence of GFWI
- V) Generating objects

I) $T^*M, CM, J^1M.$

M ∞ manifold T^*M its cotangent bundle
 (q, p) canonical coordinates $\lambda = "pdq"$ Liouville form

Goal / Motivation: Arnold's Lagrangian intersection conjecture:

$$L \hookrightarrow T^*M \text{ Hamiltonian-isotopic to the zero section } \mathcal{O}_M$$

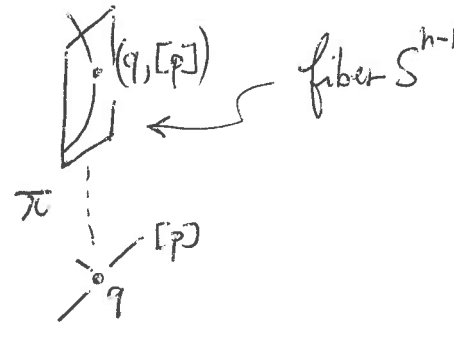
$$\Rightarrow \#\{L \cap \mathcal{O}_M\} \geq \text{Morse}(M) \quad (\text{with multiplicities in not } \#)$$

(M is compact)

Motivation: Morse theory.

CM = mfd of oriented contact elements
 $(q, [p])$

$$CM = \frac{T^*M \setminus \mathcal{O}_M}{\mathbb{R}^{\times 0}}$$
$$\pi \downarrow$$
$$M$$



tautological contact structure:

$$\xi_{(q, [p])} = D\pi_{(q, [p])}^{-1}([p]) \cap T_q M$$
$$T_{(q, [p])}(CM)$$

Rem: $CM \cong T_1 M$ (using Riemannian metric) $\cong \{ \|p\|=1 \} \subset T^*M$

$$\xi = \ker \alpha \quad \alpha = p dq$$

Rem: Contact manifold := locally like CM
(odd dimensional)

Local Model: $M \cong U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \quad q = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$

choose one fixed direction: $\frac{\partial}{\partial q_n}$

$$U \subset CU \quad \mathcal{U} = \{ [p] \uparrow \frac{\partial}{\partial q_n}, \text{ positively} \} \quad (p \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial q_n} > 0)$$
$$[p] = [p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}, 1] \quad \alpha = dq_n + \sum_1^{n-1} p_i dq_i$$

this looks like....

$$J^1 M = T^*M \times \mathbb{R} \quad , \quad \alpha = du - p dq \quad \subset \quad C(M \times \mathbb{R})$$

$(q, p) \quad u$ $\xi = \ker \alpha$

open set in ...

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ T^*M \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow \\ CM \end{array}$$

Def: Legendrian submanifold: integral submfd of ξ ,
of maximal dimension.

Example: $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ graph of dif Lagrangian $\subset T^*M$

$$j^1 f \subset J^1 M$$

$$\{q, p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(q), u = f(q)\}$$

Example: $N \subset M$ submanifold

$\nu N =$ spherization of its conormal bundle

$$\nu N = \{(q, [p]) \mid q \in N, T_q N \subset [p]\}$$

($p|_{T_q N} = 0$)

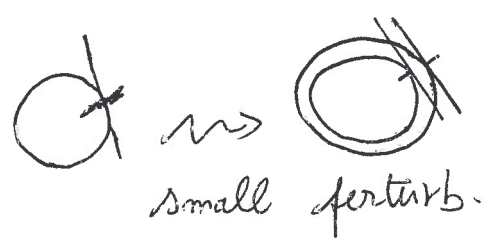
observe $\dim \nu N = n-1$ (if $n = \dim M$)
whatever $\dim N$ is.

$N = 4 \text{ points}$ $\nu N = \text{fiber} = \text{sphere}.$



$N = \text{knot} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ $\nu N = \text{Legendrian torus in } \mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2$

$N = \text{hypersurface}$ νN double cover of N



$\nu N = \nu^+ N \cup \nu^- N$ (if N coorientable)

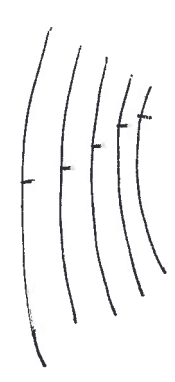
Def Front of L legendrian $\subset CM$
 $\pi(L) :=$ $\begin{matrix} \pi \downarrow \\ M \end{matrix}$

Typical front if $\dim M = 2$:

Def: "Wall": assume M open, $\psi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ w.o. critical pts

$W_\psi = \bigcup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \nu^+(\psi^{-1}(t)) = \{(\psi, [d\psi(q)]), q \in M\}$

\cap
 CM



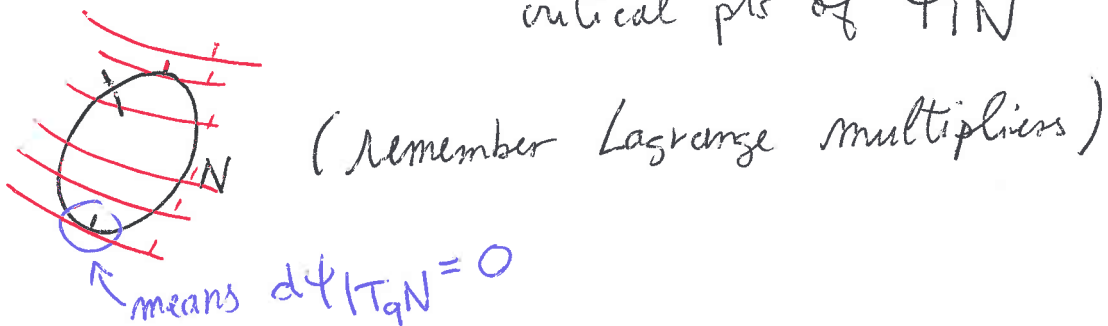
II Conical formulation of Arnold's intersection conjecture. (5)

Morse theory: $N \hookrightarrow M \xrightarrow[\psi]{\#} \mathbb{R}$

\swarrow cpct \swarrow open

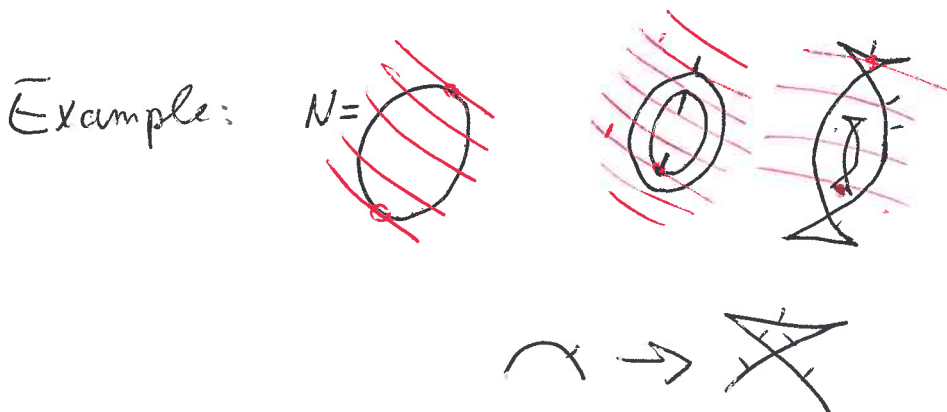
$$\# \{ \forall N \cap W_\psi \} \geq \text{Morse}(N) \geq \dots$$

\uparrow in one-one correspondence with critical pts of $\psi|_N$

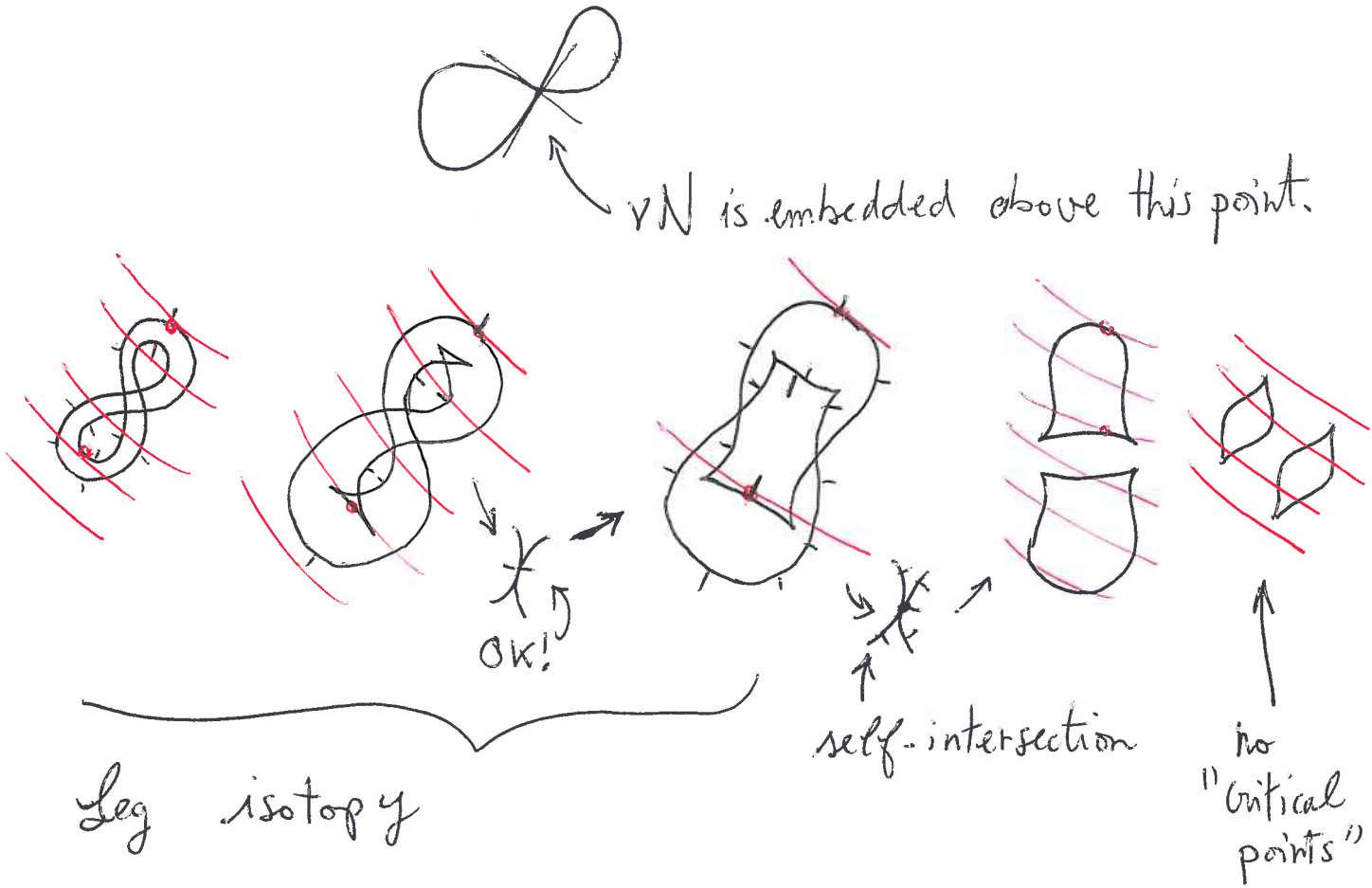


THM 1 $L_t, t \in [0,1]$ one parameter family of Legendrian embeddings s.t. $L_0 = \nu N$ for some cpct N .

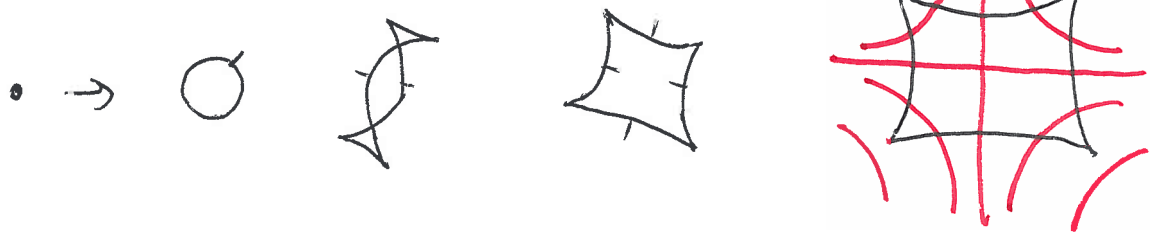
then: $\# \{ L_1 \cap W_\psi \} \geq \text{stab Morse}(N) \geq \dots > 0$



Example: Remark that νN is well defined (and generically embedded) when N is an immersed submanifold.



Example: $N = \text{one point}$

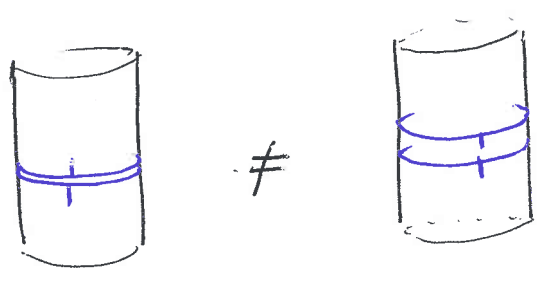


\implies the hypothesis the ψ has no critical pt is needed!

Rem: $N = S^1 \quad \forall N \subset S^1 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ is a 2-comp. link
 $\nu^+ N \cup \nu^- N$

this argument shows that this link is not Legendrian equivalent to $\nu^- N \cup \nu_\epsilon^- N$

\uparrow
small shift
of $\nu^- N$



which has no intersection with W_f

but those 2 links have the same "classical invariants"
(i.e. same framed knot type and same Legendrian immersion class)

THM 2 $L_t, t \in [0, 1]$ 1-param family of leg embeddings
 in J^1N st $L_0 = \{u=0, p=0\} = \mathcal{O}_N$
 \uparrow cpet.

then $\# \{L_1 \cap \{p=0\}\} \geq \text{Staborse}(M) \geq \dots > 0$

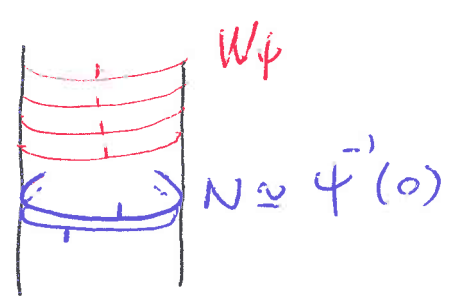
Rem: this implies a weak form of Arnold's conjecture in T^*M
 because an Hamiltonian isotopy of \mathcal{O}_M can be lifted in J^1

• this is slightly more general: Self-intersections
 may appear in the Lagrangian projection of L_t

THM 1 \Rightarrow THM 2: $M = N \times \mathbb{R}$ $J^1N \subset \mathbb{C}M$

$$\psi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

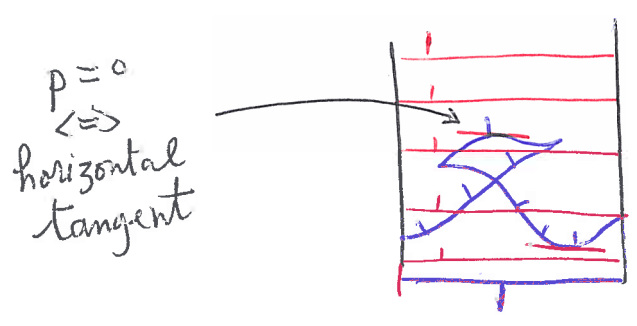
$$(q, t) \mapsto t$$



$$W_\psi = \{p=0\}$$

$$\nu N = \nu^+ N \cup \nu^- N$$

$$L_0 = \nu^+ N$$



$L_t \cup \nu^- N =$ deformation of νN
 through leg. embeddings

$$\nu^- N \cap W_\psi = \emptyset$$

III Proof of THM 1

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We will use the so called "Chekanov thm", which immediately implies THM 2 as well (Chekanov's proof of it)

The only interest in explaining things in this way is to emphasize the "conical version".

We will see ~~below~~ later that, combined with the notion of "generating hypersurface", this conical version leads to some interesting applications.

~~THM 3 ("Chekanov's thm") [see [Fe] for more references and historical remarks]~~

Def (FGQI) Consider $F: M \times \mathbb{R}^{2k} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $(q, w) \mapsto F(q, w)$

s.t. $F(q, w) = Q(w)$ Non-degenerate quadratic form
of signature (k, k)

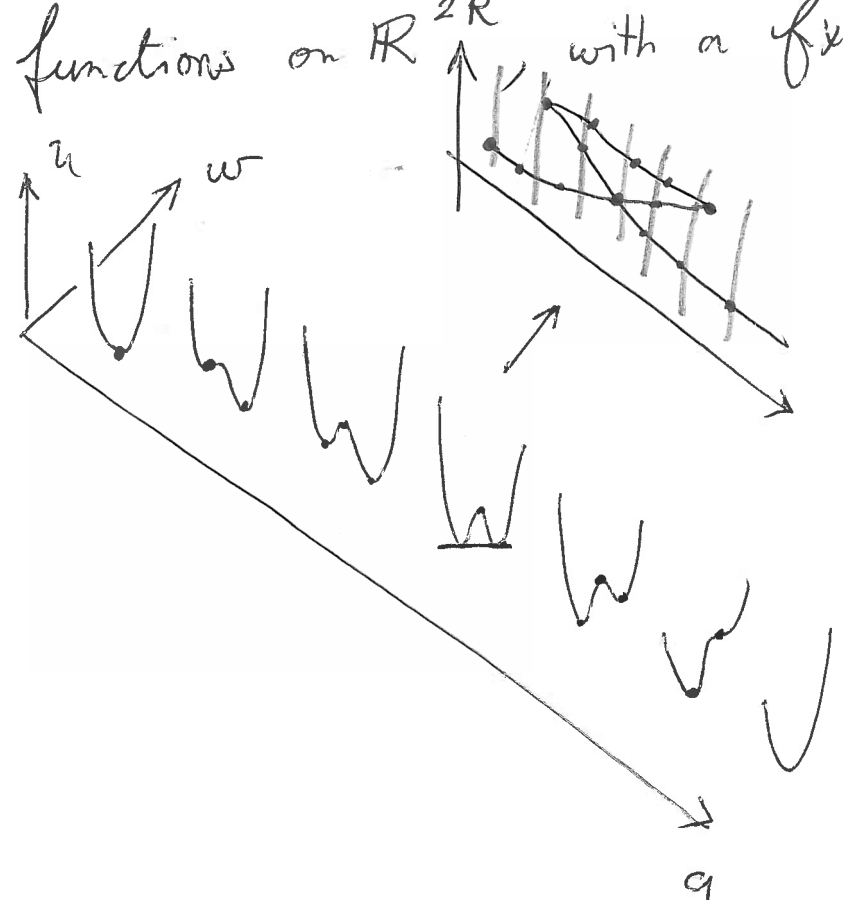
outside of a compact set.

the associated Legendrian submanifold $L_F \subset J^1 M$ is

$$L_F = \left\{ (q, p, w) \mid \exists w, \frac{\partial F}{\partial w}(q, w) = 0, p = \frac{\partial F}{\partial q}(q, w) \right\}$$

↑
we assume it is a π
equation.

• the front of L_F ("forgetting p ") is the bifurcation diagram of the critical values of a families of functions on \mathbb{R}^{2k} with a fixed behavior at ∞



• L_F is obtained by contact reduction from $J^1 F \subset J^1(M \times \mathbb{R}^{2k})$
 if (q, w, p, r, u) are canonical coordinates on $J^1(M \times \mathbb{R}^{2k})$: $\alpha = du - pdq - r dw$
 let $\mathcal{C} = \{r=0\}$ (of codim $2k$). There is a natural projection $\pi: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow J^1 M$ ("forgetting w "), and $L_F = \pi(J^1 F \cap \mathcal{C})$
 one can prove that, generically, L_F is an embedded Legendrian submanifold.

THM 3 "Chekanov's thm"

$L_t, t \in [0,1]$ 1-param family of Lag embeddings in T^*M with compact support. Assume $\exists F_0: M \times \mathbb{R}^{2k} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \in C^0$

s.t. $L_0 = L_{F_0}$.

Then, $\exists F: M \times [0,1] \times \mathbb{R}^{2k'} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 1-param family of C^0 (k' > k) s.g. $\forall t \in [0,1], L_t = L_{F_t}$.

[the idea of the proof is given in the next section]

THM 3 \Rightarrow THM 1 (change of notations: $L := L_1, L_1 := L_0$)

recall that we have $N \subset M, \psi: N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, W_\psi \subset CM$

$L_t \subset CM$ s.t. $L_1 = \nu N$. One can assume that

there exists $\phi_t, t \in [0,1]$ 1-param family of contactomorphisms s.t. $L_t = \phi_t(L_1)$ ("isotopy extension Lemma", easy to prove with the notion of contact hamiltonian).

(we want ϕ_t brings L_1 to $L_0 = \nu N$): not the same notations as in the formulation of thm 1

We want to estimate $\#\{L_1 \cap W_\psi\}$. This is the same as

$$\#\{L_0 = \nu N = \phi_1(L_1) \cap \phi_1(W_\psi)\}$$

One can lift ϕ_t as ~~Hamiltonian isotopy~~ in $T^*(\mathcal{O}_M)$

$$\begin{array}{c} T^*(\mathcal{O}_M) \\ \cong \\ T^*M \end{array}$$

Using the same trick one can observe:

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Proposition: M open, $\psi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ non critical

$N = \psi^{-1}(0)$ $L_t, t \in [a, 1]$ 1-param Legendrians

s.t. $L_0 = \nu^+ N$. then $\exists F: M \times \mathbb{R}^{2k} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

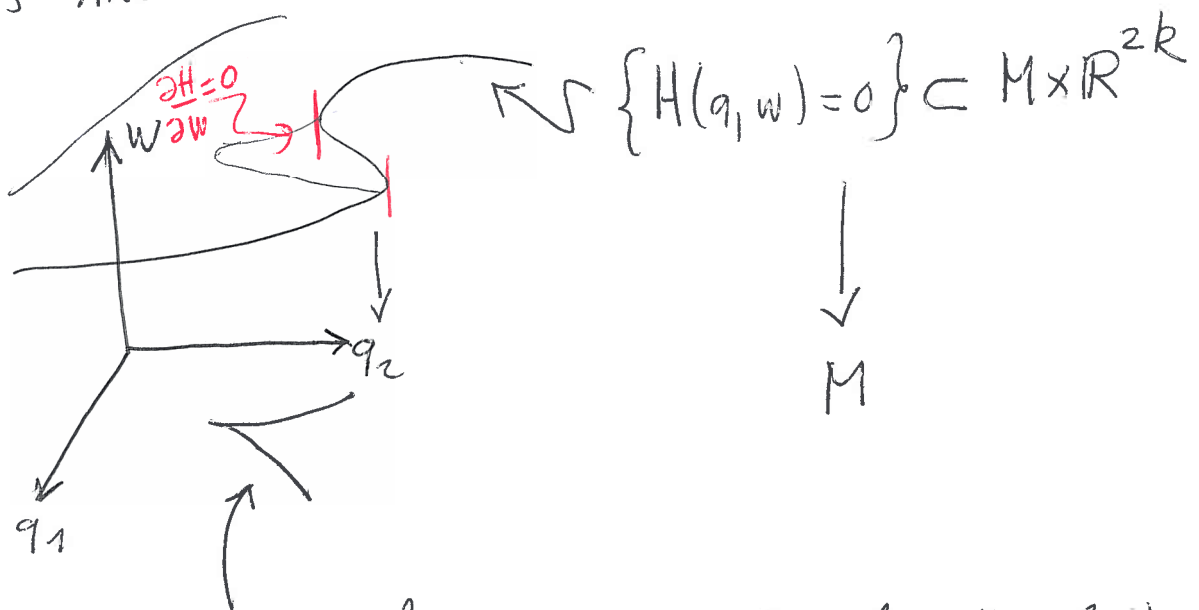
s.t. $L_1 = \{ (q, [p]) / \exists w, \psi(q) + F(q, w) = 0, \frac{\partial F}{\partial w}(q, w) = 0$

$$p = \left. \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial q}(q, w) + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial q}(q) \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial q}(q) \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$L_1 = \{ (q, [p]) / \exists w, H(q, w) = 0, \frac{\partial H}{\partial w}(q, w) = 0, p = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}(q, w) \}$

$$H(q, w) = \psi(q) + F(q, w)$$

this means



$\pi(L_1) = \text{front of } L_1 = \text{"contour" of the hypersurface } \{H=0\}$

IV) Persistence of FGQI (Proof of THM 3 : geometric viewpoint) ⁽¹⁴⁾

for simplicity: $M = \mathbb{R}$ $J^1M = \mathbb{R}^3$
 (q, p, u)

Stabilization: $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $j^1f \subset J^1M$ its "one-graph"

Consider $F(q, w_1, w_2) = f(w_1) + w_2(q - w_1)$

• it is almost a FGQI (one can fix this easily)

• $L_F = j^1f$: $\frac{\partial F}{\partial w_2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow q = w_1$

$\frac{\partial F}{\partial w_1} = 0 \Leftrightarrow w_2 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(w_1) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(q)$

$p = \frac{\partial F}{\partial q}(q, w_1, w_2) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(q)$

$u = F(q, w_1, w_2) = f(w_1) = f(q)$

Consider now a contactomorphism $\Phi: J^1N \rightarrow J^1M$
 with compact support.

Claim: if Φ is close enough to the identity^(*), then,

for any affine function $g_{a,b}: q \mapsto aq + b$, $\Phi(j^1g_{a,b})$

is still a graph, $\Phi(j^1g_{a,b}) = j^1G_{a,b}(q)$

Proof: there is a "compact choice" of affine functions on which Φ acts non-trivially.

(*) one can assume this:
 cut Φ into small slices
 $\Phi = \Phi_1 \circ \Phi_2 \circ \dots \circ \Phi_k$

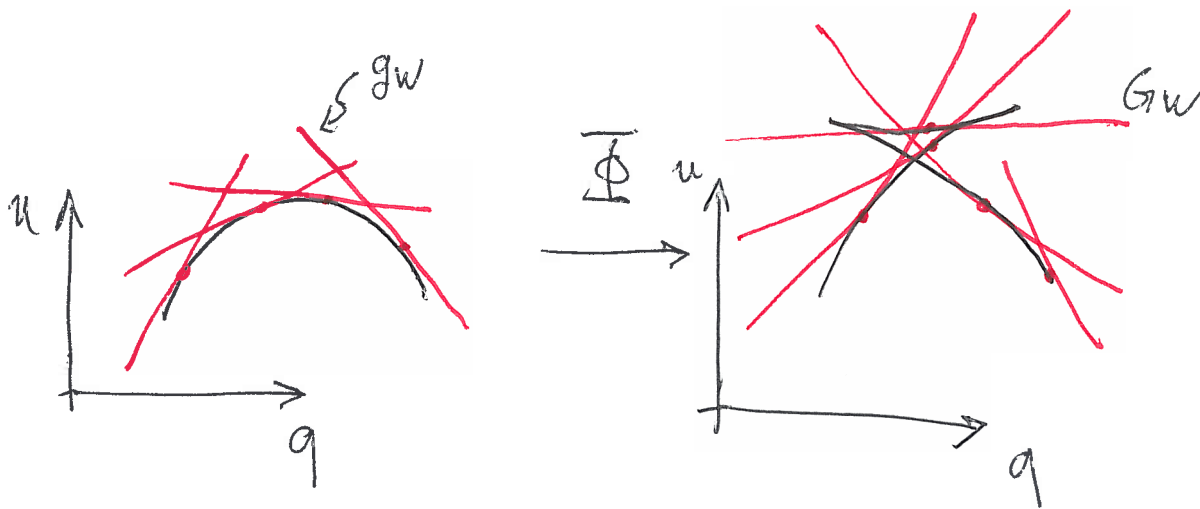
Enveloppes:

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the formula $L_F = \{u = F(q, w), p = \frac{\partial F}{\partial q}(q, w) \mid \exists w \frac{\partial F}{\partial w}(q, w) = 0\}$
means that the front of $L_F = \{(q, u), u = F(q, w), \frac{\partial F}{\partial w}(q, w) = 0\}$
is the enveloppe of the family, parametrized by w ,
of the smooth graphs of the function
 $q \mapsto F(q, w)$

for example, the graph of f is the envelope of the
graphs of $g_w: q \mapsto f(w) + w(q - w)$

But a contact transformation "preserves the envelopes"!



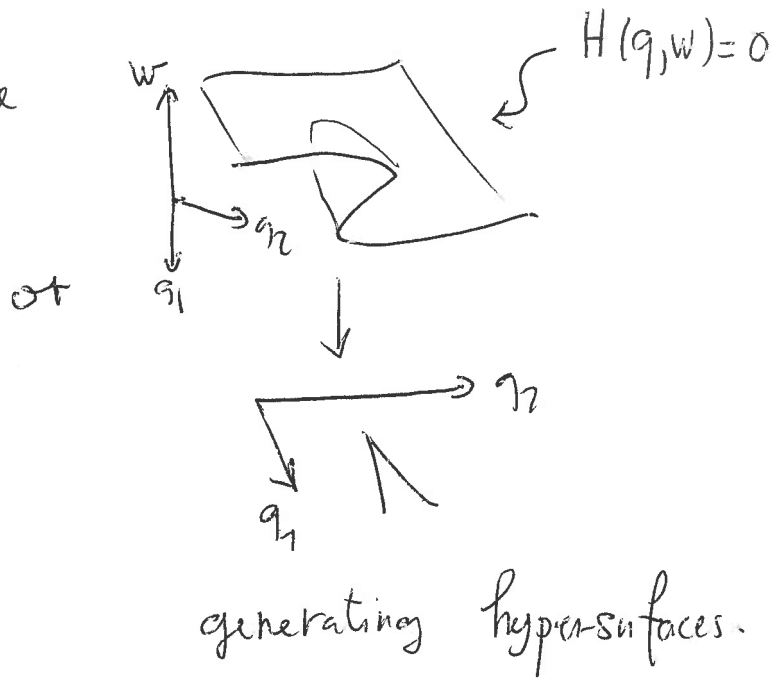
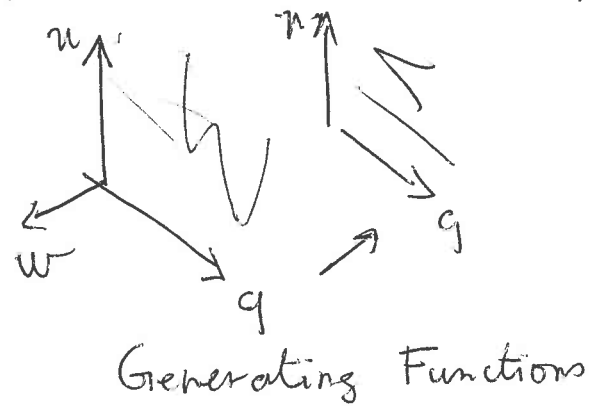
⚠ this is a schematic picture: w is 2-dimensional! Furthermore it is
not true that a graph is the envelope of its tangents. (~~not~~)

One can translate this idea into the language of differential
calculus and prove that

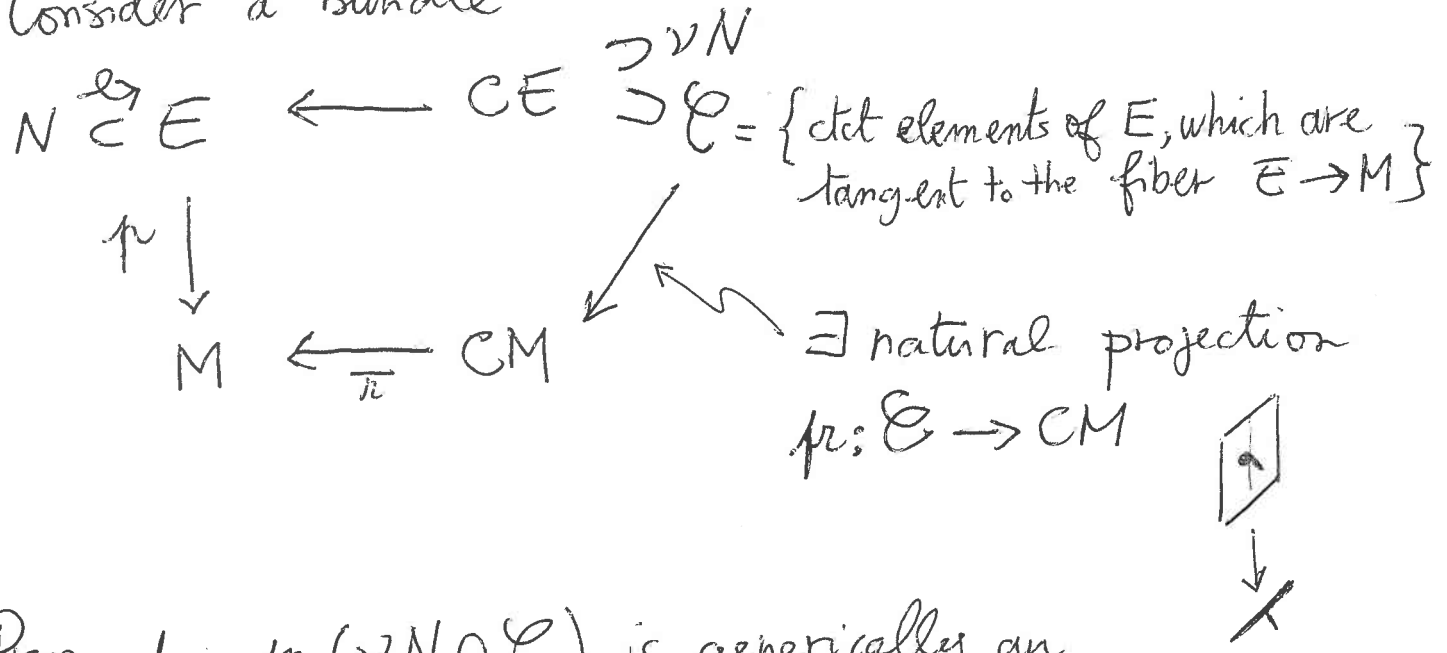
$$\Phi(j^1 f) = L_G$$

V) Generating things

Let's come back to this picture



Consider a bundle



Prop $L_N = pr(\nu N \cap \mathcal{C})$ is generically an embedded submanifold in CM
 Legendrian

Examples:

